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Sweet dreams. Sophomore **Jordan Voight** naps on the baseball field bleachers while taking a break from her exciting gym activities. "It was a really nice day out. It was supposed to be cold but it ended up being the warmest day of November," Voight said.

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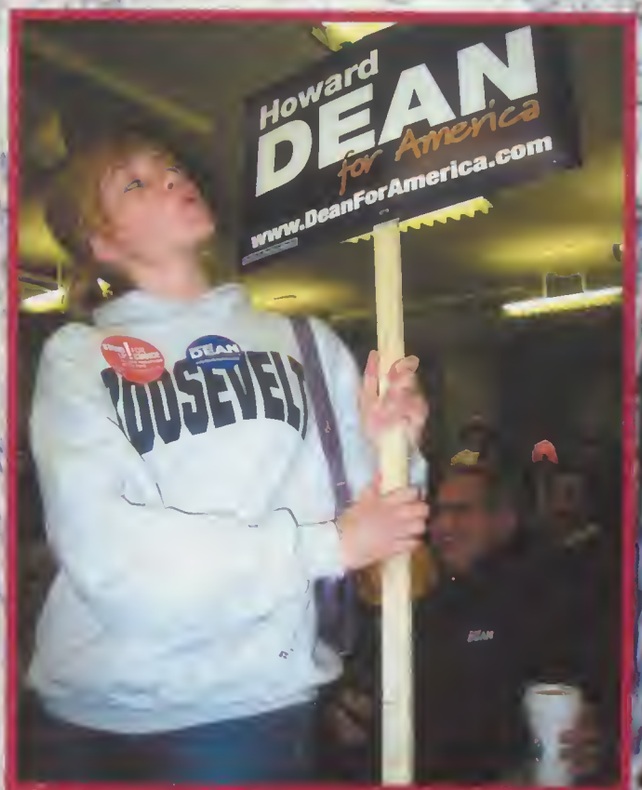


The doctor has the cure. For the 2004 caucuses junior **Kendra Schaff** supports Howard Dean. "It was a lot of fun to go to our precinct and support our presidential canadate," Schaaf said.

photo by Sarah Hunter

Just hangin'. Juniors **Russell Jackson, Mychal Hudson,** and **Jon Murray** wait for their ride together after school. Murray commented saying it had been snowing during and after school that day so he decided to stay inside the doorway.

photo by Josh Adcock

Art by Clayton Hamilton

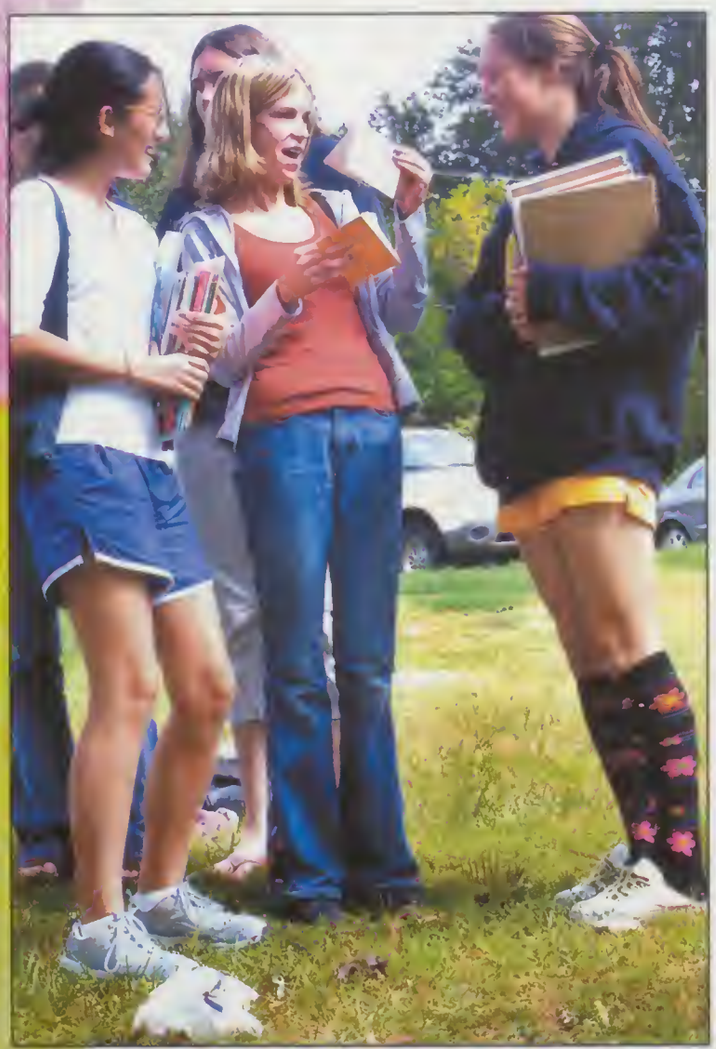
a time
a place
an experience

Unlike any...

And so it began. We didn't expect much from the somewhat early beginnings of the year. However, high temperatures marked by a late August heat wave prompted for a record number of early dismissals, welcomed by students who were not quite ready to leave summer behind. Because of the heat, many fall sports practices were postponed or cancelled.

Change seemed to be all around. For the first time all freshmen lockers were located on the first floor, a policy made in effort to unify the new class. However, their isolation from upperclassmen seemed to heighten their rowdy and characteristic behavior. The installation of new bleachers and a new gym floor was welcomed by faculty and students alike. The trucks that were brought in with the new bleachers required an emergency relocation of cars in the southeast parking lot. A flood of students flocked to the parking lot to avoid receiving tickets.

In October an unexpected loss of power during the middle of seventh period



Lunch time leisure. Freshmen **Drew Kinser**, **Liz Corson**, and **Jordan Trachtenberg** hang out on the front lawn. The three friends would often have lunch together before going to world studies with teacher **Bill Kaemmer**.

photo by Jess Bastian

Holler. Senior **Kevin Bramwell** yells out a lot of random chants and cheers during a basketball game. Amused by his hysterical remarks are seniors **Eddie Wilson** and **Austin Olsen**. Everyone would usually laugh at his obscene remarks during games.

photo by Josh Adcock

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Time away from home. Freshman **Chelsea Talton** plays with her little cousin Jeremiah Smith in child development. "He's like a little brother to me," Talton said.

photo by Dion Curry

10 points. Sophomore **Kimling Brown** jumps on a car after school in the parking lot. Sophomores **Rose Mayo** and **Vanessa James** were surprised by Brown's daring leap.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Look who's calling. Sophomore **Alex Snodgrass** receives as text message as fellow sopomores **Amber Smith**, **Brady Bogue**, and **Cory Poff** watch. The four friends went to lunch together in Bogue's car.

photo by Maya Pocock

Trying new things. During a December sister's for success meeting, sophomore **Ashley Tindrell** lights a candle. Members each gave a speech and then lit a candle to celebrate Kwanza.

photo by Keisha Palmer

Left, right whoops. The marching band members show off their steps early morning on the football field. Hours of practice went into perfecting these delicate maneuvers. "It's really important for everyone to be in step. If one person is out of step it can affect the whole band," senior **Kirk Ryan** said.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Ice cold. Junior **Jamaal Jones** shakes the snow out of his hair after a lunchtime snowball fight. When there was a fresh blanket of snow on the ground ambushes were especially common during lunch and after school among groups of friends.

photo by Louis Richter

Free falling. Sophomore **Brendan Wells** shows off his skateboarding skills outside the back of Ted's Coney Island. Wells enjoyed skateboarding so much that he tried to practice every day after school.

photo by Robert Martin

Loading zone. Junior **Matt Shepard** assists with loading cans. First period classes collected 8,570 cans for Combat Hunger

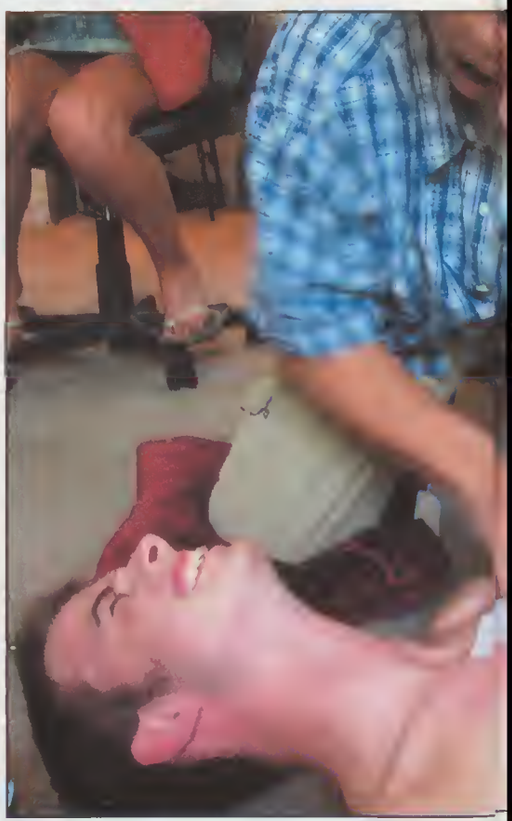
photo by Sarah Hunter

Out in the cold. An unidentified student, freshman **Edgar Plascencia**, junior **Kory Uhl**, sophomore **Dominick Lee**, and senior **Max Kern** wait in the snow. The four students had drivers ed after school and waited to go to class.

photo by Suzie Cownie

Paint it girl. Sophomore **Stephanie Fleckenstein** paints the sidewalk after school during homecoming week. "The other girls and I did it to have a good time and to miss swim team practice," Fleckenstein said. This was the sole week that practice was held one hour later.

photo by Julia Wilson



Grin and bare it. After losing a bet concerning the Iowa vs. Iowa State football game, Junior **Alex Edge** braces himself for the pain while junior **Jon Fong** prepares to wax Edge's chest. "It was the most excrutiating pain ever. It sucked," Edge said.

photo by Paige Duncan

Strike a pose. Senior show choir members perform a dance number in their colorful togas during homecoming week. Show choir members struggled to keep their togas up while dancing but managed to finish the practice fully clothed.

photo by Aubrey Reser

Alone at last. Freshmen **Marisela Davila** and **Marisol Davila** find a quiet spot to hide from the pressures of school life. The two could often be seen together in the hallways.

photo by Maya Pocock

Layout: Sarah Hunter

caused some confusion. Caused by construction crews nearby, the blackout tested our emergency management skills. Although communication was lost throughout the building the faculty and students remained calm and were dismissed at the regular time of 2:50.

The loss of parking due to construction on the Polk Boulevard bridge weighed heavily on student punctuality. The mess of after school transportation on Rider Drive seemed like it would never end. In January when construction was complete and the roads opened up again, we were informed that it would again be disrupted in March when the 42nd Street Bridge would be closed and Center Street would be made two-way. Meanwhile, we were able to enjoy two and half months of almost hassle-free parking.

Whether it was on the field or in the crowd, we represented our school and ourselves. Our spirits got the best of us at times from the overzealous homecoming assembly to the vandalism of the front lawn. From the damages incurred by the main office when a backhoe was driven into it over winter break to the stolen trailer of marching band instruments, we experienced a year unlike any.

Sarah Hunter

Friends forever. Sophomore **Nick Hegre**, freshman **John Skinner** and senior **Kenny Crapell** embrace freshman **Tiffany Anderson**. "Whenever we get the chance to hug it's when we're doing crazy stuff," Hegre said.

photo by Jess Bastian

balance

p. 6-77 students juggle school with home life

Art by Mr. Chiodo's Art 1 classes

Although the eternal struggle of juggling school with home life persisted throughout the year, something different was in the air. New clubs like the blue flamingo running club and game club sprang up, offering an outlet of communal activity among students.

R-club and student council sponsored this year's food drive for Combat Hunger. Together first hour classes helped bring in 8,570 food items up from 5,765 the previous year.

A late flourish of January snow storms prompted the snow ordinance to be put in affect which caused students to move their cars from Polk Blvd. and Chamberlain Ave. to avoid receiving tickets or having their cars being buried by snowplows.

Hallways, stairwells, and bathrooms were repainted, prompting students to rework their route to class during their passing period.

The unusual year required students to balance their hectic school life against their outside activities.

culture shock

Around the world, to travel back again

From Brazil to Paris, there were a plethora of options of summer trips to choose from.

The Europe trip took place from July 3 to 24, and for senior **Abby Bartine**, it was a "good opportunity to see Europe on my parents' dime."

On the overnight train trip to Paris, Bartine said she was "worried about getting robbed. Then I was." She had hidden her purse, camera, money, and passport under someone else's bed. The doors were open on both sides of the train to let the breeze flow through the hot stuffy rooms. But in the morning Bartine joked, "I think I was molested because I woke up and I think my hair had been cut." In addition to the missing hair, all the things she had hidden under her friend's bed were gone.

Twelve students took a trip to France from June 9 to 31. "I had to work my butt off last year. I didn't spend any money. I had to save it to go to France," junior **Sarah Gutgsell** said.

For Gutgsell, it took a week until she was able to think in French. Before that, it was really hard because she had to translate in her head all the time. She even had dreams in French. "The trip impacted me by making me more independent because we had to do things alone," she said.

Senior **Joseph Frederick** spent July 4 to 26 in Brazil with the Global Youth Institute. Frederick didn't speak any Portuguese, but luckily almost everyone there spoke English.

Frederick's parents paid the basic costs of the trips but he brought his own spending money. He enjoyed the benefits of a good exchange rate and brought back lots of souvenirs and gifts.

In Brazil, junior **Paige Purdy** was robbed at the beach while her purse was sitting right next to her. Before the trip, there had been a meeting specifically addressing what not to bring so it wouldn't get stolen. Purdy disregarded the warnings and lost her purse.

Paul Asjes

stand out

Scotland, Ireland, and England Highlights
-took place July 29-August 12, 2003
-kissing the Blarney Stone
-ghost walk in Edinburg
-two Broadway shows in England, including *"Bombay Dreams"*
-a total of 7 seniors, 2 juniors, and 1 freshman went on the trip

Blend in. Inside of a science museum in Rio, physics teacher **Michael Blair** and senior **Joseph Frederick** attempt to look scientific. Blair claimed he had just delivered an excellent science paper disproving some of Einstein's theories, but in reality he was just blending in with the background.
photo courtesy of Mike Blair

Calm, cool, and collected. During the middle of a hectic day, senior **Jessica Kiel-Wornson**, pauses to enjoy the colorful scenery in Brazil. Kiel-Wornson especially loved the flowers there.
photo courtesy of Jessie Peiffer

Jump on in. In Torrinha, Brazil, senior **Dana Ketcher** and "Best Bud" Myles Curry of Calgary, Alberta, are about to be swept down stream by a waterfall. The mayor had heard about the group trip and sent a bus to bring them to his town for a tour.
photo courtesy of Jessie Peiffer

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Bunker down. Inside of a bunker used during World War II juniors **Betsy Rosenblatt**, **Sarah Gutgsell**, and 2003 graduate **Katherine Jess** look to the sky. The bunkers in France were on French soil but nearby was an American graveyard.

photo courtesy of Sarah Gutgsell

Lean on me. In front of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, senior **Ted Krausman**, 2003 graduate **Austin Blank**, seniors **Danny Flattery**, **Kevin Bramwell**, 2003 graduate **Caitlin Cunningham**, seniors **Mac Fisher**, **Jake Norman**, **Ariel Sandler**, **Billy Holtze**, and 2003 graduate **Huston DeVries** try to even out the lean. They were all surprised that their theory did not work

photo courtesy of Mac Fisher

Three's company. In Salzburg, Austria, seniors **Natalie Scarpino**, **Lindsey Purdy**, and **Abby Bartine** get ready to enjoy a few hours of shopping for souvenirs. "Even though it was my favorite city, the only thing I bought was a Mozart CD because he was from there. Go figure," Scarpino said.

photo courtesy of Abby Bartine

Hold me. On the fourth of July in a German subway station, senior **Kevin Bramwell** snuggles in with a stranger. The homeless man, who "smelled horrible", asked for money and started talking to Bramwell. Regardless of sponsors who warned of danger, Bramwell continued to talk with him. The man referred to Bramwell as "the boss." The man "tried to tell a Hitler joke. No one understood, but everyone laughed because we were scared we would be hurt," Bramwell said.

photo courtesy of Abby Bartine

coming home

Old traditions get comfy with the new

Minor set backs was the theme of homecoming week. Actually the theme of the week was "Riders in Rio" but, throughout the week a few problems arose and compromises were made.

Booked years in advance, the Val-Air Ballroom was the expected sight of the homecoming dance. But the Val-Air scheduled a firemen's ball the same night of the dance. At the last minute, the administration had to hurry and find a new site, "Luckily, we stumbled on Four Points Sheraton otherwise the dance would have been in the gym and we assumed that the students would rather have the dance off-campus," vice principal **Vallery Griffis** said.

Students followed tradition by staying up late TPing the front lawn. But, a few students took TPing a little too far. Students arriving to school on Wednesday morning noticed a clear violation of the parking rules in the school handbook. A truck, belonging to the DOT, was parked on the front lawn. The students who participated in this act came forward and the week rolled right along.

stand out

Homecoming Week Highlights

Homecoming King and Queen: seniors **Brian Bell** and **Hilary Woodhouse**

Best Legs: seniors **Austin Williamson** and **Esence Lloyd**

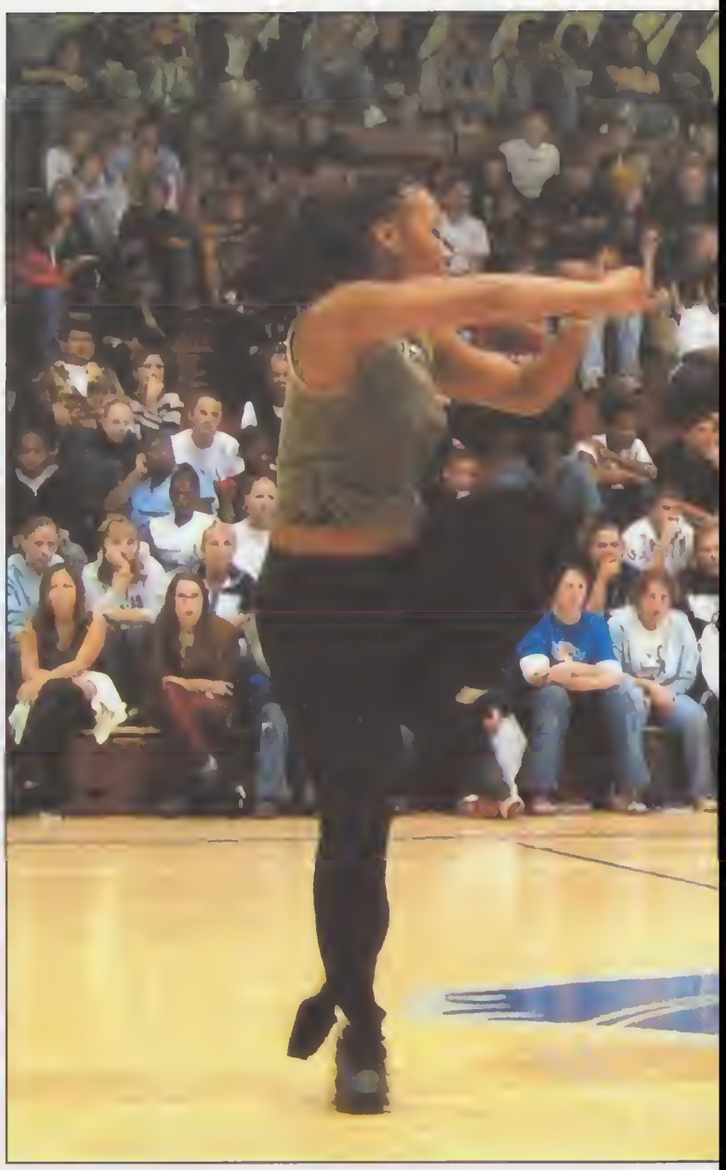
Krazy Kake Contest Winners: senior **Lydia Clark** and junior **Sarah Gutgsell**

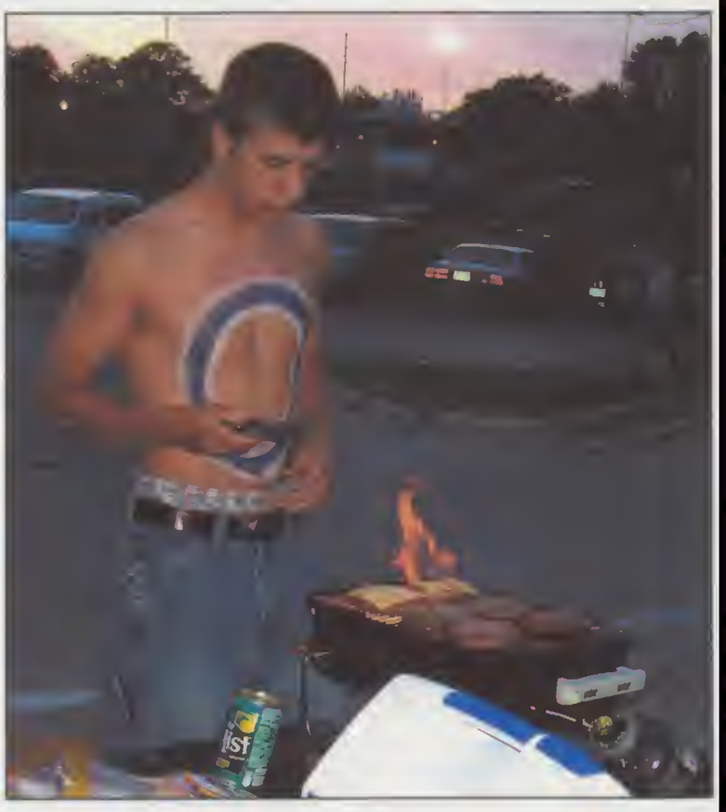
Spirit Link Prize Winner: senior **Rachel Nelson**, 25$

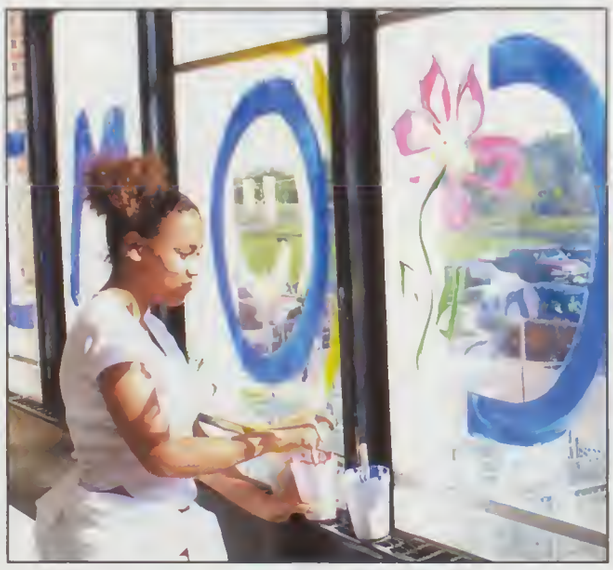
With window painting, sidewalk painting, the krazy kake contest, and Mr. and Ms. legs contest there was plenty to keep the student body involved. On Friday, the coronation assembly had to be stopped half of the way through by principal **Anita Micich** because of the behavior of students and parents. But, everyone was excited to learn that seniors **Hilary Woodhouse** and **Brian Bell** were voted queen and king. Friday tons of fans showed up to cheer on the football team. The Riders lost 57-6 to the Scarlets later that evening.

On Saturday night, students dressed up and arrived at the Four Points Sheraton to dance all night. The new location did not hinder the attendance with about 1,000 tickets sold.

Dana Bartolomei







Like a virgin. Senior **Alicia Lane** experiences the thrill of painting on school property for the very first time on Tuesday afternoon. "It was a spur of the moment idea," Lane said.

photo by Dana Bartolomei

Work it. Junior **Sherrell Mure** and senior **Shelynn McCurn** get down with the dance team at the pep assembly. The members enjoyed dancing together. The club provided a communal outlet for the girls.

photo by Jess Bastian

Stunned. Senior homecoimng king and queen **Brain Bell** and **Hilary Woodhouse**, take their throne during the homecoming assembly. This was the second year that Woodhouse and Bell had won.

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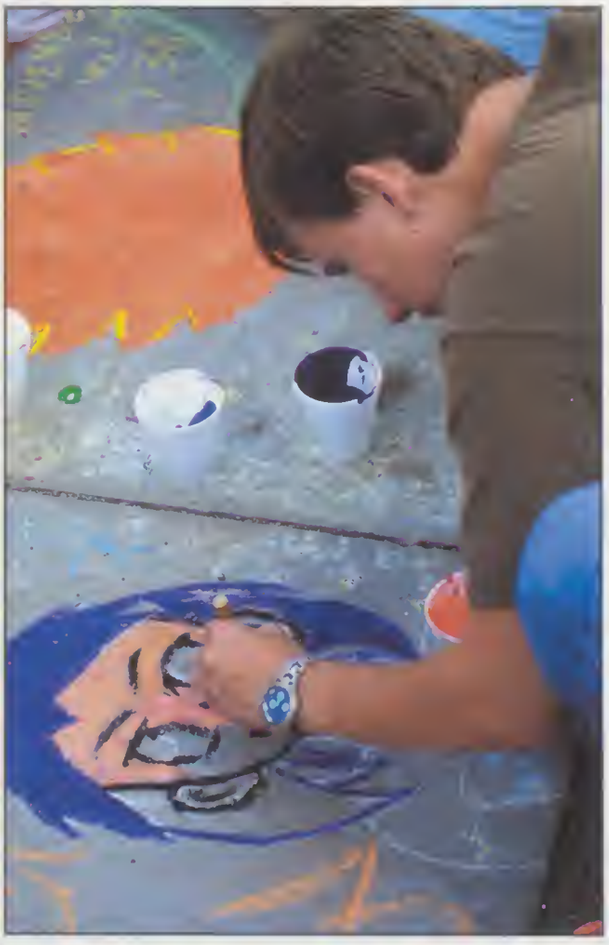


Hook me up. During show choir practice senior **Jodi Birkey** reties senior **Anna Hudson's** toga. While they were dancing Hudson's toga was tied so that she couldn't move. "It's better than the toga falling off," Hudson said.

photo by Carman Argumedo

Art invasion. Senior **Billy Rickert** pays careful attention to detail as he represents Anime Club by painting a side walk square. Animites met every Tuesday afternoon in sponsor **Rich Bright's** room to watch cartoons.

photo by Paul Asjes

Come on baby light my fire. At the tailgaiting party before the football game junior **Nate Garcia** cooks some hamburgers. Garcia was all too willing to be the first "O" in the Roosevelt school spirit line-up.

photo by Jess Bastian

Raise the roof. Juniors **Dominique Jenkins** and **Howell Dixon** break it down. Neither made court, but the experience and excitement of the runway walk was still a bundle of fun.

photo by Dana Bartolomei

pretty lullaby

Musical puts McDonald's farm to shame

Sweat rolled off faces, adrenaline pumped through veins and one mistake could have caused a catastrophe. These were the feelings of the cast and crew members of the fall's musical, "*Honk.*"

The set was one of the more difficult to build. The set crew spent hours designing, building, and painting. Trying to juggle school and memorize lines was very difficult. "It was easier for me to memorize the lines for the musical rather than the history book," junior **John Spinks** said.The lead vocalists and the musicians practiced for several hours because they had to time their singing and choreography to the music.

"*Honk*" was a modern rendition of the classic tale "*The Ugly Duckling*" but with a twist. The outcast duckling, Ugly, was played by senior **Glenn Burmeister.** His mother Ida, was played by senior **Amber Wines**, and his father Drake, was played by senior **Travis Wells.** Ugly overcame many obstacles such as being chased by the cat, played by senior **Peter Sloterdyk**, and finding himself.

Singers often had to perform beyond the norm, which caused some lose their voices. "In order to hit the last note I had to push myself to sing extra low...so my voice just stayed way down there," senior **Ryan Morrison** said.

Move over Covergirl, sophomore **Blair Hamilton** was making her way in makeup. The makeup crew, and Hamilton, decided to use permanent hair dye in Sloterdyk's hair and had to help apply makeup to the entire cast, a process which took a few hours. "I really don't appreciate it when I just finished applying the makeup and someone messes it up," Hamilton said.

Suzie Cownie

Stand Out

Main Cast Members

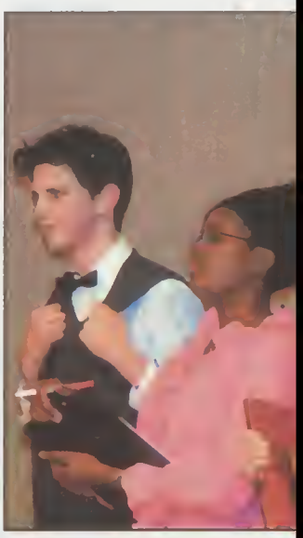
Glenn Burmeister - Ugly
Amber Wines - Ida
Travis Wells - Drake
Peter Sloterdyk - Cat
Lindsey Purdy - Beaky
Andrew Tatge - Billy
Annie Glawe - Downy
Katie Garton - Fluff

"Honk" ran November 6th, 7th, and 8th, 2003

Heartbreak. Junior **Chelsea Brightman** tries to comfort junior **Ellen Butler** during the dress rehearsal performance. "While I was crying, I saw that my needle point said 'loose cat.' I had a difficult time not laughing," Butler said.

all photos by Sarah Hunter

Work it daddy. Senior **Travis Wells** belts his solo song, the "Joy of Motherhood." Wells enjoyed playing Drake because it was his first leading character role. "I really wanted to wear just the apron but they wouldn't let me," Wells said.



Attention. Senior **Glenn Burmeister**, sophomore **Dominique Trumbo**, senior **Laura Deavers**, sophomore **Annie Glawe**, senior **Lindsey Purdy**, and sophomore **Katie Garton** attentively stand in line for their class photo.

Don't eat me. Senior **Glenn Burmeister** gasps with horror as senior **Peter Sloterdyk** prepares him for his dinner. "Being in the bucket was really scary because the bucket was unstable. During one of the show nights I almost fell out," Burmeister said.

Kickin' it. Junior **Andrew Tatge**, senior **Lindsey Purdy**, and sophomores **Annie Glawe**, and **Annie Garton** hatch from their eggs. The ducklings peformed a dance number before fully hatching. "The orange boots supposedly make us look younger," Tatge said.

Long distance. While Senior **Amber Wines**, calls home to check on her family Senior **Peter Sloterdyk** evesdrops from behind. "It was really hard not to laugh at Peter because he looked really funny," Wines said.

How big is the wooden plank? Stage manager and head of the set crew senior **Jessie Peiffer** measures a piece of wood for the set. "I spent around 3 to 9 hours working on the musical after school," Peiffer said.

no school

Hard work, relaxation in two days

The weekend is a time to relax or do things that have nothing to do with school. It was your personal time to do whatever you wanted, and enjoy your free time. That is exactly what senior **Peter Sloterdyk**, junior **Nicole Parkey**, and freshmen **Justin Plasket** did.

The weekend for Parkey started Friday night. The night was enjoyable because she got to spend time with her dad. "I don't get to spend time with my dad because he lives in Guantanimo Bay, Cuba so I enjoy all the time that we get to spend together. It was also nice to see my little sister again," Parkey said. They all decided to go to a family dinner at China One. After that they all went home to bond as a family.

The weekend for senior Peter Sloterdyk started at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning with a little practice on the piano. After he practiced, he usually went out to lunch with a friend. After lunch Sloterdyk liked to take time to relax and get some serious things done. "I usually do homework, figure out plans, and then go out for the night," he said . Sloterdyk's weekend was usually productive and it was fun too. "Half my weekend is practicing and the other half is my play time," he said.

On weekends Plasket liked to relax, practice his trombone, or read car magazines. "I love cars and the trombone is the awesomest instrument ever!" Plasket said. He also enjoyed spending time with his friends. They usually just hung out or watched movies.

On the contrary, Parkey's Sundays were very active. She played softball and had two games that weekend. The day started at 10:30 a.m. and it ended at 2 p.m. The team won the first game and lost the second one by one point. "I was a little disappointed when the team lost the game by only one point but I can't change that now," Parkey said. By the end of the games she was exhausted and decided to call it a day.

Keshia Palmer

Game time. Senior **Collin Connett** and Junior **Michael McDanel** play video games in McDanel's basement. It was an everyday event for them to play "Halo," for Xbox. They had been playing it since ten in the morning and played it until ten at night. *photo by Marty McDanel*

We got the beat. Sophomore, **Rose Mayo** practices for jazz band tryouts. Mayo hadn't tried out the previous year because she thought she was not good enough. Turned out, she was because she made the band. *photo by Marty McDanel*

Blow your horn. The band performs on a Saturday morning for the state competition. All the while proud parents endured the rain with their colorful umbrellas. "I don't like getting up in the morning for the competition, especially since it was raining," senior **Katie Spitler** said.

photo by Hanna Albuagh

Magic Moment. Senior **Thondra Bradley** has her 15 minutes of fame while at senior **Rachel Prueitt's** house. Bradley sang 'Foolish' by Ashanti. "Thondra thought that she was gettin' it and in reality I was gettin a headache," senior **Esence Lloyd** said.

photo by Keshia Palmer

Let it snow. Senior **Claire Sabin** squints through the falling snow as she walks back up a hill. On a Saturday afternoon in January Sabin took advantage of her free time to relive her favorite childhood activity, sledding.

photo by Sarah Hunter

Slurp it up. For one of the JV committee meetings, conductor **Hannah Keeling** takes junior **Chelsea Brightman** and sophomore **Maggie Conley** out for a break. The show choir committee met twice a week. Since they had been working hard, Keeling decided that they needed a break.

Photo by Christine Jansen

high style

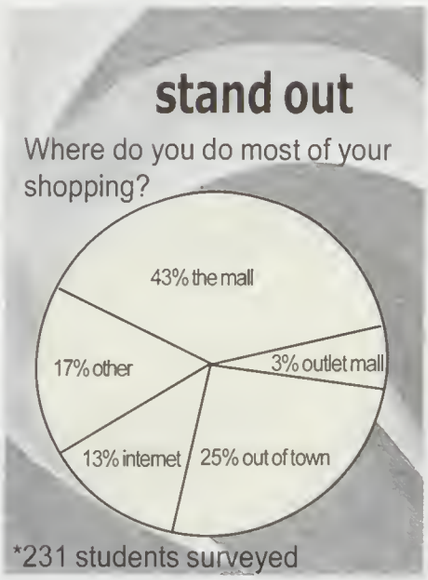
Fashion trends change with the seasons

Fashion changed every year. This year was one of the most dramatic for changing styles. Many styles came and went, such as mohawks, jerseys, and many different styles of shoes.

A few select freshmen managed to revive the mohawk, a hairstyle not commonly seen the 80's.

A hot trend that dominated the hallways was wearing jerseys. Boys and girls alike wore throwbacks jerscys. "My jerseys cost from 70-80 dollars," senior **Billy Jewett** said. "I get mine from finish line or out of town." While usually styled for comfort, somc girls wore jersey dresses to major events such as dances and concerts. "I like cross dressing and it's just comfortable," junior **Ebone Bell** said.

The price range of some of the favorite fashions varied depending on what people bought and what they were wearing it for. Most outfits for girls rangcd from 30-150 dollars. That included shoes, clothes, and accessories. "I spend from like 50-90 dollars on my outfits" junior **Jasmin McNear** said. Clothes for boys were often more expensive than the clothes for girls. "I spend like 100-200 dollars for my stuff," senior **Tres Glass** said.

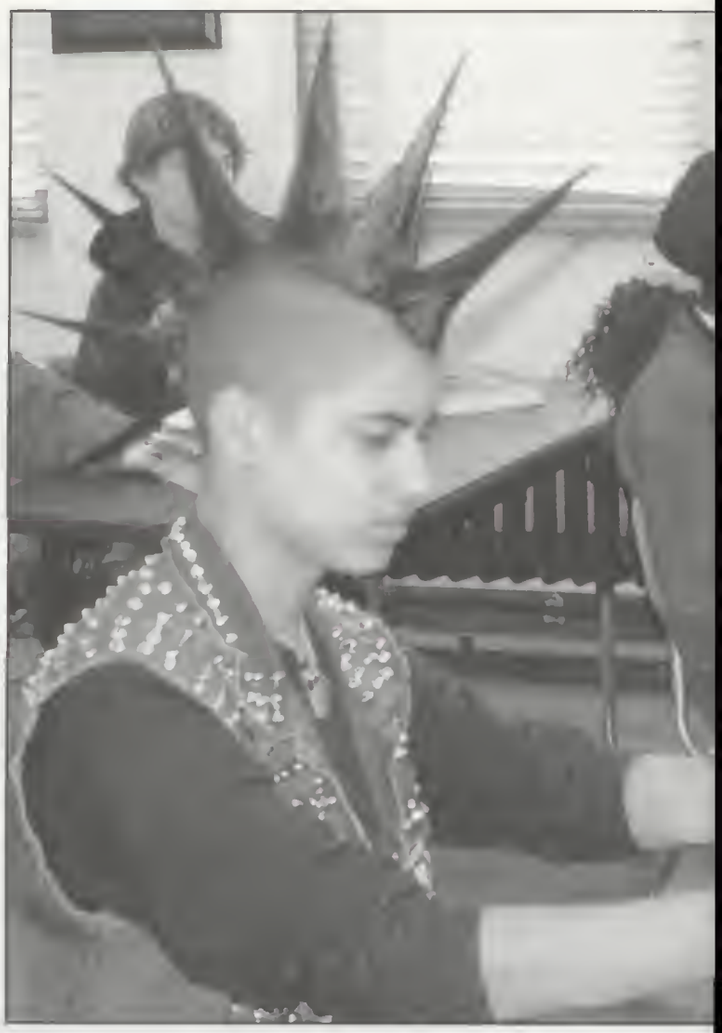


Some brands that were seen being worn were rocawear, jinco, and fubu. Common trends were throwbacks and school girl outfits. The common most comfortable outfits that people wore were sweats or jeans with a sweatshirt.

Behind all the popular trends a few bad fashions surfaced. Fishnet panty hose and too small clothing was a common sight.

Through all the good and bad trends of the year, people continued to express themselves how they had wanted.

Brittnay Jewett



So studious. Senior **Paige Richards** has all of the necessities she needs for school. Richards wears a black scarf from the Gap in order to keep her warm and to look stylish. Richards also carries a Dooney and Bourke barrel bag that she received from her parents as a Christmas present.

photo by Dana Bartolomei

Piercings. That is not a mole on senior **Melody Tuttle's** cheek, its actually a piercing called a Marilyn Monroe. The piercing is named in honor of the late acress' mole. Tuttle also wears very popular colored contact lenses.

photo by Keshia Palmer

Nice kicks. Top: sophomore **Kurtis Hall** wears shoes that feature the lofos of NBA basketball teams. Middle: senior **Tiffani Jones** wears a sexy pair of Nine West heels in black. Bottom: The brand shoes worn by senior **Glenn Burmeister** never show dirt and complete his preppy look.

photos by Wanakee Carr

Learning distraction. The eight inch spikes that make up sophomore **Kyle Cox's** mohawk are not one of his favorite discussion topics. When asked about bringing back the eighties with his hair he replied "F the yearbook!"

photo by Wanakee Carr

Keeping warm. Senior **Espree Stewart** and junior **Rob West** brave the winter weather with their fleece jackets. Stewart purchased her North Face fleece at Younkers while West bought his Marmot fleece at Back Country Outfitters.

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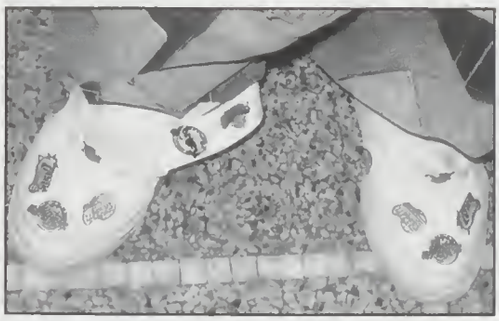


Fancy footwork. Juniors **Concepcion Brewer** and **Glenna Palimore** show off their converse shoes which match their outfits. Converse low and high top shoes with matching strings were worn by many people.

photo by Brittnay Jewett

Art by Anna Vining

dexter's lab?

Advanced science classes prep for life

Test tubes, fetal pigs, decaying plants, and explosions were all part of science. Choosing to advance into higher science classes seemed to be the trend.

Sophomore **Sarah Cramer** was an underclassman who excelled in science. "My parents have always liked me to push myself. They thought it would be better if I moved a year ahead to prove I could do it," she said.

Some students took sciences based on what they would need for their future careers. Biology II seemed to be taken for purposes of the medical or science fields. Junior **Nate Garcia** was the one of the two juniors in Biology II, a class usually offered to seniors. Garcia had chosen a major in the sciences. "This class is an optimal one if anyone that is choosing to proceed in the medical field. It also looks better on transcripts for the colleges," he said.

Extra credit was also a big thing in **Lynn Shiffler**'s advanced biology class. Students were given the challenge to keep an animal alive for a year in order to receive points. Sophomore **Sarah Taffae** took her pet home with her instead of keeping it at school.

Science at Central Academey was another way to advance in science. Junior **Jon Fong** participated in marine biology at Central. Fong had the opportunity to scuba dive at Clear Water and Grays Lake. Chances like this were limited to students and were unavailable in regular science classes.

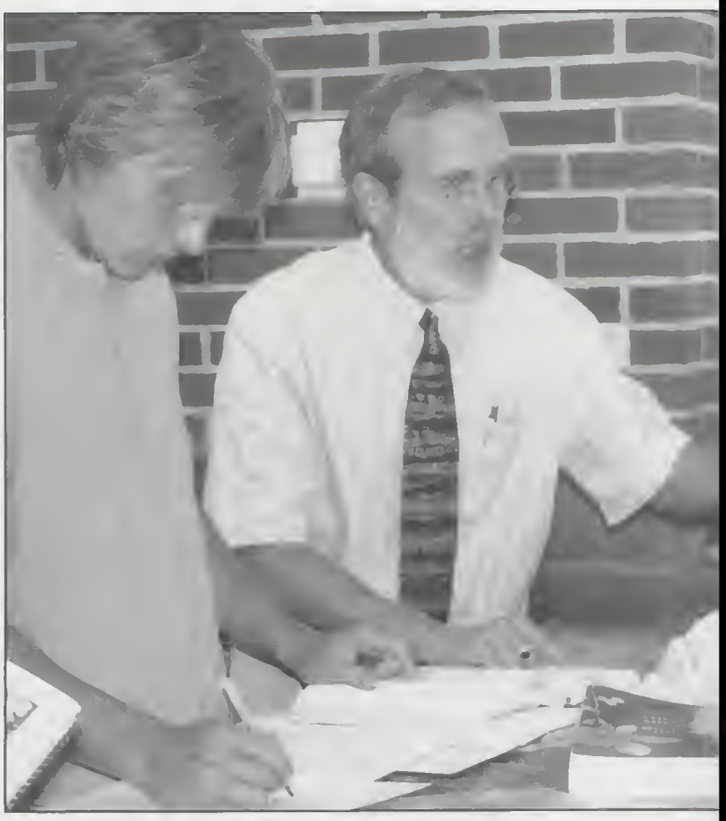
Whether you took sciences to impress your parents, graduate from high school, go to college, watch things blow up, or you just liked dissecting frogs, sciences proved to be fun, interesting, and helpful in life.

Christine Jansen

stand out

Percent of students in advanced and A.P. science classes:

Freshmen: 37% advanced
Sophomores: 62 % advanced
Juniors: 42% A.P.
Seniors: 29% A.P.



Creepy crawlers. Junior **Katie Bartlett** tries to shake off a caterpillar on her foot as she measures the school using trigonometry. **Mike Blair's** physics classes took a break from normal classroom lecture to do this lab.

Cute and cuddly. Sophomore **Sarah Taffae** with sophomore **Amanda Marek** has the proof that her extra credit project is still alive. Taffae received 100 extra credit points for keeping a hamster alive all school year.

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Need some help? Seniors **Mac Fisher** and **W.D. Scherle** get some extra help from Bio II teacher **Marc Ayers**. Fisher and Scherle had some trouble identifying what specific plant that they had found for their botany lab.

Team work. Seniors **Natalie Lawrence, Tiffani Jones, Esence Lloyd** and **Markeese Williams** identify their plant specimens together. Bio II teacher **Marc Ayers** allowed his students to choose a group so they could work well together.

Concentration is key. Sophomore **Nikki Wagner** records her measurements for a metric lab. Students were given a week to complete all of the assignments and labs. "I like the labs and Mrs. Shiffler. She's a good teacher and explains things well," Wagner said.

Wrap it up. Seniors **Rachel Ratashak** and **Liza Sharp** finish up their botany project for a Bio II class. The project included finding plant specimens, keying them, and mounting them for display.

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every voice

Choirs enable students to shine through

"Express yourself..." were the lyrics that represented those who had participated in choirs. Being in any of choir was not a part of a typical high school experience. Being in any of the choirs allowed students to have make friends and memories, while having a fun experience.

Choirs also helped in other ways too. "I love singing everyday because it wake me up and energizes me for the entire day," senior **Mike Williams** said.

If you were talented enough to not fall over while you danced and sung, then you were able to be in prep, junior varisty, or varisty show choir. Every year many tried out but not everyone made the cut. "I took voice lessons and have been in dance classes at the Val Air. When I tried out I thought to myself, I worked this hard to get here I have to make it, and I did," senior **Bree Kaser** said.

If you had not been to a show choir show, then missed out. The sequined dresses flowed around the girls like water as they spun around while they sung and danced.

There were also many other choirs. Chamber choir was composed of the best singers within the school. Junior **Larry Moore**, senior **Peter Sloterdyk**, junior **Chelsea Brightman**, senior **Derek Myers**, junior **Mary Harding**, and junior **Ellen Butler** made it into All-State, which was composed of the best singers within the entire state. Moore not only made it into All-State but he was also considered for nationals and won a solo contest at state.

The choirs were also about having fun. "There are a lot of interesting things that go on during long bus rides. Some funny and others R-rated, but it's all a thrill," senior **Claire Sabin** said.

Suzie Cownie

stand out

What is the craziest thing that has happened during a choir performance?

"While crewing I try to dance like the Varsity show choir but I can't."

Katie Garton
sophomore

"My arm got stuck in my sleeve when I was changing on stage and everyone laughed."

Dontrez Parrish,
senior

All in the wrist. Sophomores **Kurtis Hall**, **Maggie Conley**, and **Corey Wedeking** work their arm movements during an at home show. "It's more fun to dance on the Roosevelt stage because I know the people in the audience so I concentrate more," Wedeking said.

photo by Dion Curry

Lift your voices. The Chamber Choir performs at an annual holiday concert. Most of the singers were also members of atleast one other choir at school.

photo courtesy of Mike Walag

Sing from the belly. Seniors **Suzanne Wedeking**, **Mary Haege**, junior **Leah Pope**, and senior **Ryan Morrison** sing Christmas carols in the halls before school. They all participated in concert choir. "Practicing is really fun because I enjoy who I sing with," Haege said.

photo by Kelsey Wheeler

Concentration is the game. Sophomores **Grace Connolly**, **Emily Cumbie-Drake**, and **Jordan Pennington** concentrate on their sheet music during a concert choir practice. This year concert choir combined with J.V. and alternated practices every other day.

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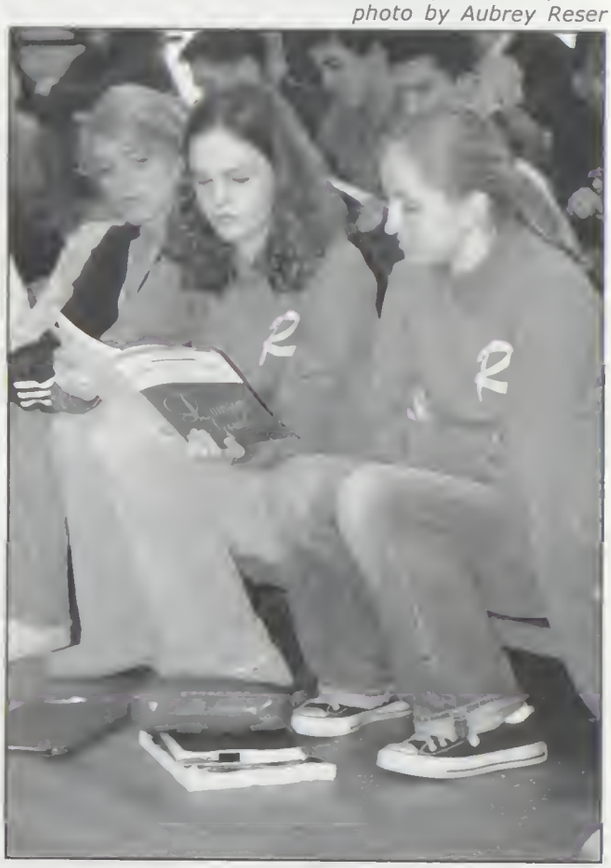


I'm a believer. Freshmen **Annie Raife** and **Deandre Butler** practice their moves together before a Saturday competition in Johnston. The prep show choir placed third at the competition. "I have a blast in prep because it's a lot of fun to dance, and I look good doing it," Raife said.

photo by Suzie Cownie

Dance to the music. Junior **Larry Moore** and senior **Liza Sharp** perform at the Johnston competition. "Dancing with Liza is fun because she is such a great dancer," Moore said.

photo by Dion Curry

Sing it. Freshmen **John Leatherman**, **Ryan McCormick**, **Desean Woods**, **Ryan McMahon**, **Andrew Peiffer**, and **Nick Sanchez** sing during seventh hour prep choir. Seventh hour practice on the third floor could be unbearable during the beginning and end of the year.

photo by Suzie Cownie

Work it. Seniors **Laura Deavers**, **Paige Richards**, and junior **Ashley Moore** show their stuff during a varsity performance. Both Richards and Deavers had been involved in varoius choirs their four years at Roosevelt.

photo by Dion Curry

differences

Love it or hate it, changes arrive

As you started to creep your way out of the ghetto lot, onto Center Street, past hall monitor **Joe McQuerry**, and onto Rider Drive, you fantasized about the construction-free days to come.

Because of the renovation on the Polk Blvd. bridge, students were punished for driving to school by 20 minutes of suffering on Rider Drive.

Students lost at least 40 spots on Polk Blvd. and Center Stree and had to find other areas to park. "Having to park across the bridge is a lot nicer because, I don't have to come to school until 7:30," junior **Caitlin Crispin** said, "and I like being able to leave right after school."

The students who rode the buses moved from Rider Drive to the staff parking lot. "It's a hassle but it is for the betterment of society," history teacher **Patrick Mambu** said.

Construction was not the only change. Those who had the privilege of having to take gym were able to enjoy the new gym floor in their newly required gym apparel. "It's kind of stupid that we have to spend $5 on a gym shirt," sophomore **Leah Stifel** said. "I feel like I am in jail and I should have a prison number instead of my name in the little box."

stand out

"The gym shirts are the most attractive item of clothing I've ever worn. I feel really cool each time I put it on. I wish I could wear it everyday after school and on the weekends in fact I think I might start."

Junior
Sarah Boyce

"In my opinion the gym shirts make gym class a lot more managable"

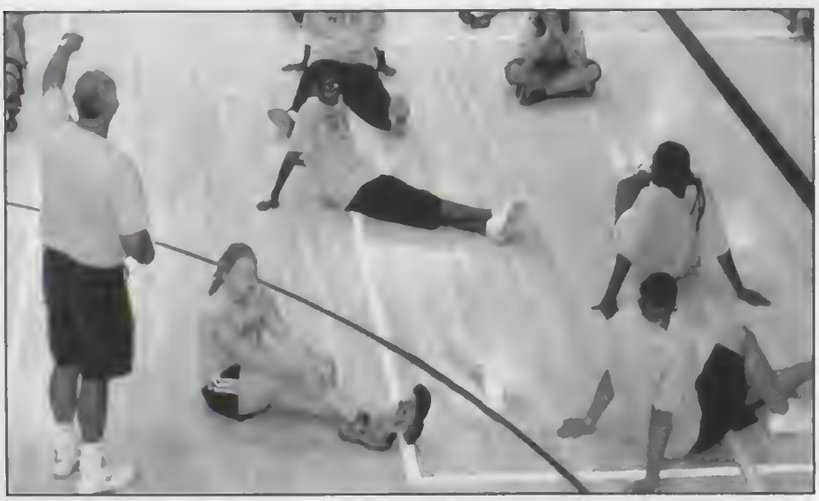
Gym teacher
Felicity Croat

Not all of the students disliked the gym shirts. "At first I thought that they were hideous, but now they are the hottest things to hit the school," sophomore **Robbie Salisbury** said.

While the underclassmen suffered in the gym, seniors enjoyed a P.E. free year. "I think not having P.E. gives the seniors a nice advantage, be it sleep or academically," senior **Travis Wells** said.

Changes affected the whole student body whether it was the construction, gym uniforms, or a free period because of a gym-free year.

Jess Bastian



On your dot. Taking attendance on the new gym floor is teacher **Tom Gruening.** "The kids deserve a new gym floor. The old one had been here since I was a student. The floor is just fantastic." Gruening said.
photo by Carman Argumendo

Listen up. English teacher **John Florian** uses hand motions to emphasize his lecture. "The biggest change to get used to was how much of a community Roosevelt is," he said. "When I come in at 6:15 there are already clubs here and if I leave at 7 there are still faculty and students here."
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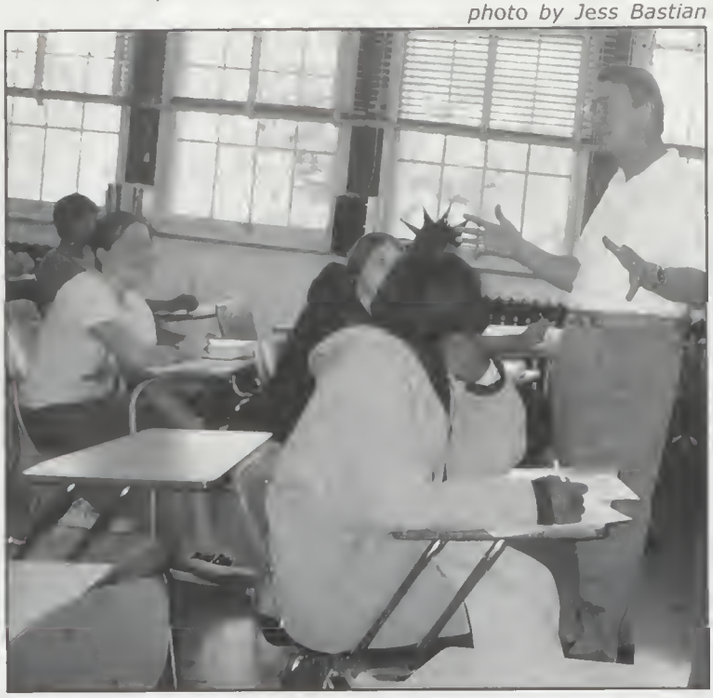


Road closed. The all-too-familiar road closed sign reminds us each day of the construction around the school, because of Polk Blvd bridge construction. Students had to be directed across Rider Drive to get out of school each day.

photo by Jess Bastian

All by myself. Because of office consruction, student helper **Hillary Courtney** was forced to work in the hallway while repairs were made. "It was really akward because my partner was gone and people would just walk by and give me weird looks while I was sitting there by myself," Courtney said.

photo by Paul Asjes

Keep it coming. Hall monitor **Becky Starmer** directs traffic during the first week of school. With all of the construction on Polk Blvd, hall monitors and extra police officers directed traffic after school on Center Street, Chamberlain Avenue and Rider Drive.

photo by Josh Adcock

D-e-f-e-n-s-e. Sophomores **John Hanley, Brady Bogue**, juniors **Tim DiIulio** and **Erin Evans** learn the aspects of football. "It was nice that Mr. Gruening taught us about football because now when I watch the game I actually know what is going on," Evans said.

photo by Carman Argumedo

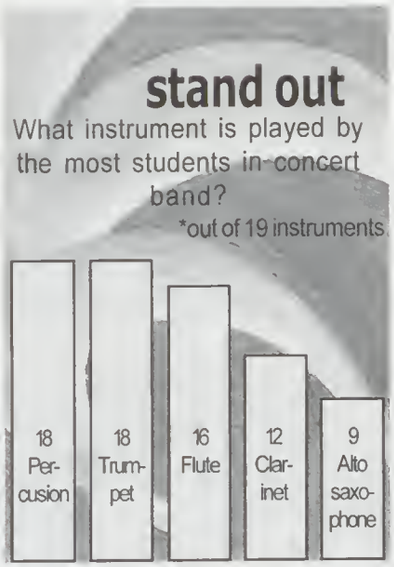
fortisimo

The show must go on, even without a trailer

Over Thanksgiving weekend the new band trailer that had been purchased was stolen from the Hubbell parking lot. "We think that it was mistaken for a construction trailer and the people were probably stealing it because they thought tools were inside," band teacher **Treg Marcellus** said. But no tools were inside. Actually all of the band's marching brass and marching drums were inside ready to go to a downtown storage unit.

But thanks to some kind donations from community members, the Riders Club and a large donation from former student James Collier the trailer was replaced. Collier, from Oregon, donated $20,000 to the band.

The various bands did not have time to linger on their loss. They kept themselves busy with concert band, two jazz bands, marching band, and pep band. The pep band was asked to make a special appearance at the wrestling senior night. "I really enjoyed the band's performance because usually they only play at the basketball games and it showed that they care about us too," senior **Josh Murray** said.



This blow did not hinder the accolades the bands received. The jazz band won fifth place at the District Jazz Contest and also received a Division I rating at the State Jazz Contest. Seventy people were selected to honor bands through various organizations.

Probably the biggest accomplishment was the selection of four members to the All-State band. Junior **Bridget Hill**, senior **Ari Micich**, junior **Jon Hill**, and senior **Cliff Mayo**, were all selected in the fall and participated in a concert held at Iowa State University.

Dana Bartolomei

Just beat it. At the Hall of Fame assembly little drummer boy junior **Adam Ayala** beats his bass drum. This year's Hall of Famers were Dr. H. Clark Hoffman, Edward B. Harvey, and Charles Betts the grandfather of senior **Peter Sloterdyk**.

photo by Dana Bartolomei

You go cow girl. During the halftime football show freshman **Vanessa Janes** twirls her flag. This was Janes' first year.

photo by Josh Adcock

Almost time. With a little over eight minutes left in the first half the marching band gets ready to perform their halftime show at a varsity football game. The theme for this year's show was "The Wild West".

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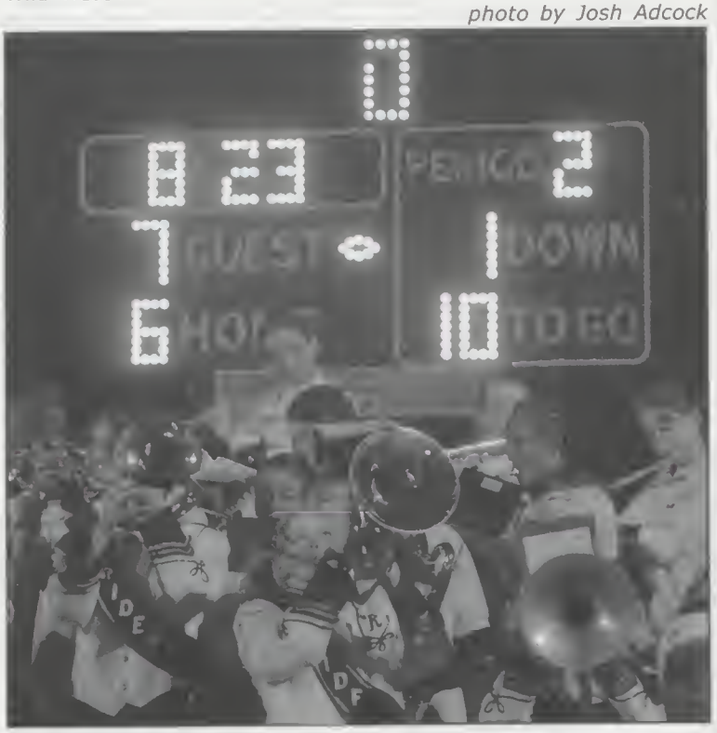

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Blow your horn. Keeping up with the music was not difficult for senior **Thom Mahler** and sophomore **Stephen Lauer**. Mahler started playing trombone in sixth grade and Lauer started playing in fifth grade.

photo by Kelsey Wheeler

One time, at band camp. In concert band first period senior **Allison Tate** and sophomore **Chasity Wilson** hit all the right notes. This was the two's first year playing flute together.

photo by Kelsey Wheeler

Practice makes perfect. Freshman **John Schaeffer** practices marching and reading music at the same time. It was too early in the season to attempt doing three things at once, so he left his trumpet at home.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Perfect formation. The marching band gets into formation during the valley band contest in the fall. The band loved playing "Silverado" the theme from the hit Hollywood movie.

photo by Hanna Albaugh

Bad Call. Senior **George Raife** expresses his opinion about the refs call at the varsity basketball game while senior **Cliff Mayo**, junior **Stephanie Walz**, and freshmen **Amelia Browning** and **Colleen Pokorny** watch the game.

photo by Josh Adcock

2+1=A,B,C

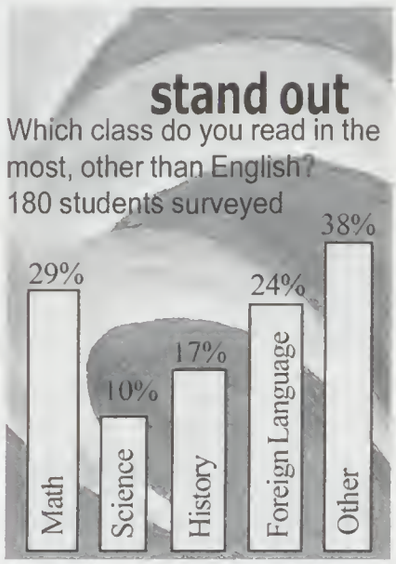
Math class improves reading skills

Reading was an activity students usually did in English class but math teachers defied the old and incooperated reading into their classes.

Rhonda Reynolds and **Danielle Pippert** joined forces to increase the literacy of not only the school but also across the nation. Reading was so important that they joined the literacy committee, even though they taught math.

Reynolds chose *"Stories for a Teen's Heart"* to entice students to listen. "The book has many little stories within it. That way I can capture the minds of many different students," she said. Pippert chose a book that was also an award-winning movie *"Holes"*.

How would reading assist in math? Both teachers agreed that reading to their students helped with comprehension, listening, and responsibility. "Hopefully this will gradually improve the student's test scores throughout the year," Reynolds said.

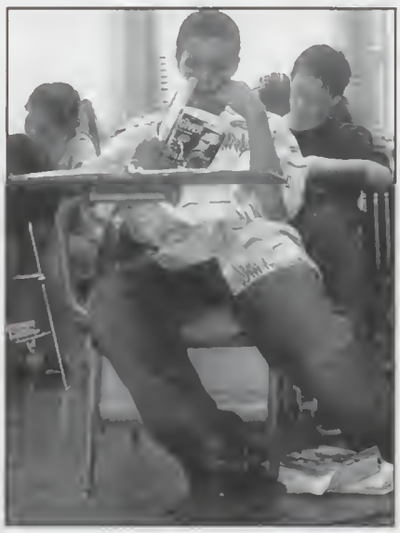


Most students enjoyed it when the teachers read, especially when they could finish up their homework. "I rarely have my homework fully done and I'm always tired," senior **Kyle Baas** said, "so while she is reading I finish my homework or take a quality nap."

The Iowa Tests of Educational Development began showing on everyone's transcript. Every department was helping with developing a wider vocabulary. "The reason why standardized tests will be on your permanent record is that the government will give school districts money if they perform well on the standardized tests," government teacher **David Mahler** said.

Each week a department took time to teach a new word to their class. Sophomore **Josey Strathe** was not thrilled with the idea of expanding her vocabulary. "I don't understand the point of improving vocabulary because most of the words I already know," she said.

Suzie Cownie



Quiet time. Freshman **Jared Underwood** reads *"The Giver"* by Lois Lowry in his English class. Underwood's English class was able to choose what book they could read.

photo by Carman Argumedo

Behold the power of reading. Junior **Jon Thomas** reads during National Reading Day. He, along with everyone else, had to read from 11a.m. through 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23.

Photo by Keshia Palmer

Quiet time. Freshman **Ben Wolf** enjoys some free reading time in his third period English 9 class. Wolf was studying for his next class.

photo by Carman Argumedo

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Don't laugh. Sophomores **Matt Hudson** and **Morgan Haas** read *"The Color of Water"* for English teacher **John Florian's** class. "It wasn't my favorite book, but it was pretty good," Haas said.

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Hit the books. Junior **Ebone Bell** studies her homework in the library. Bell was studying during third period for the rest of her classes. The library was a popular place to study for many students.

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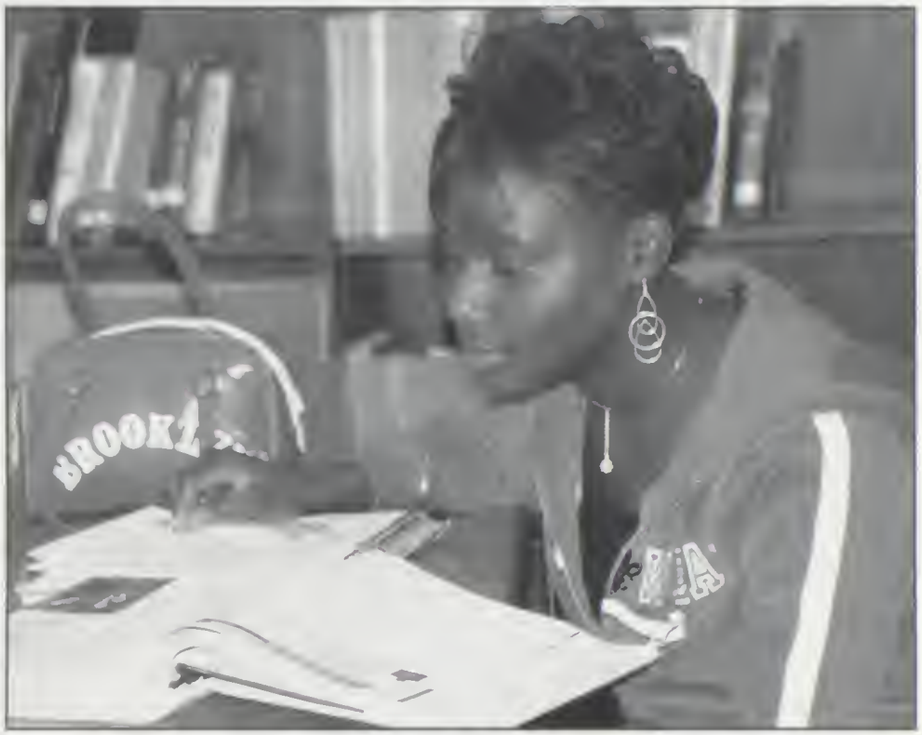

Story time. Math teacher **Rhonda Reynolds** reads to one of her classes. She chose the book *"Stories for a Teens Heart"*. Reynolds read to her students so that they would hopefully improve their test scores.

photo by Suzie Cownie

Eyes only for numbers. Senior **Jenny Mosher** studies during **Mary Dilts'** calculus class. "At first it was difficult, but now it's second nature to me," Mosher said.

Photo by Carman Argumedo

co-existence

students are connected by six degrees

They say that we were all connected by, at most, six people. That meant your next door neighbor's hairdresser's best friend could have gone to preschool with Chad Michael Murray.

Connections like these were a little more distant than the ones all of the students shared.

Freshman **Annie Raife** used to play softball for Coach **Maria Mattiace**. Sophomorue **Aubrey Reser** played volleyball for Mattiace. The two had never spoken to one another. "I've never even heard of her but it's cool that we're connected through Coach," Reser said.

Math teacher **Rhonda Reynolds** had freshman **Andrew Karrmann** in her 4th period Algebra 2 class, Karrmann sat in the same seat as junior **Randee Taylor** did in 5th period. "I don't know who he is but since he's a freshman in the same math as me, he's too smart, but he's really clean and organized because he never draws on the desk or leaves anything," Taylor said.

Sophomore **Morgan Haas** had a locker on the second floor that was shared by sophomore **Sarah Hartline**. Haas and Hartline were pretty much opposites and had never talked much, but their locker connected them. "She was sitting near me and we just kind of ended up being locker partners," Haas said.

Chemistry teacher **Dick Hewins** had been teaching here for the past 35 years. Hewins used to coach Girl's Track. Through his past coaching career he had known past athletic directors. However, in 2003, **Keith Ellingson**, became our new athletic director. Hewins claimed that he had connections through the school, so even though he did not know Ellingson, he has heard only good things about him. Hewins and Ellingson were a few other people that would not have known each other if they had not connected through our school.

Hanna Albaugh

stand out

Do you know if you are related to any celebrities?

"I'm related to Michael Jackson through a few third cousins, some divorces, and a couple of lost pets who were all named FeeFee."

Tom Watters, senior

I'm a super-hero. Freshman **Jerrid Winfrey** shows off his super human sewing abilities. "I had extra fabric from class so I decided to make it a cape," he said. Winfrey was friends with freshman **Desean Woods** who played on the freshman football team with freshman **Will Ryan**.

photo by Hanna Albaugh

Like it? It's not mine. While out of the gym junior **Alex Edge** inquires about sophomore **Nicholas Hengre's** scarf. The scarf turned out not to be Hengre's it belonged to Junior **Will Johnson**.

photo by Hanna Albaugh

The first person. During first lunch juniors **Mallory Jones** and **Amy Burress** are seen together. Subway was often the place they ate at when they chose to eat healthier instead of their usual fast food. Burress used to be the manager for the girls basketball. "Managing is great because being able to be part of such an awesome team makes life more enjoyable," she said. Sophomore **Stephanie Fleckenstein** was one of the many girls she had managed for.

photo by Hanna Albaugh

Dribble good. Sophomore **Stephanie Fleckenstein** takes the ball down on the home court while playing against Ottumwa. Fleckenstein, who played on the girls sophomore team, was connected to all of our other athletes who use the gym, such as junior **Alex Edge**.

photo by Josh Adcock

Sneaking in a break. Sophomore **Dameon Helfer** takes a break from his work and lounges on a couch in the drama room during third period drama. Helfer has a fraternal twin, sophomore **Rhiannon Helfer**.

photo by Hanna Albaugh

One of the band. Playing her trumpet is something sophomore **Rhiannon Helfer** does each morning in band class while standing next to freshman **Will Ryan**. "A major perk of having band so early in the morning is that you don't have to think quite as hard as you would in math class, which is good because I don't think well in the morning," Ryan said.

photo by Kelsey Wheeler

roundup

Newspaper staff keeps students updated

Everyday during second hour the newspaper staff were working for a new issue of the Roundup. There were nine issues written and the staff had about three weeks to finish each up.

"It's fun working with people on the staff. Sometimes there is a lot of pressure and its chaotic, always a rush," senior and editor- in - chief **Jordi Mumma-Colman** said.

It wasn't always simple to choose a topic to write about. The staff would brainstorm all the ideas they came up with, and then everyone wrote about something they wanted. "It's great that I get to put my own ideas into stories," junior **Jamica Greene** said. Some of the stories were put into competition but the results weren't found out until the following year. "I'm excited that one of my stories from the second issue got entered into a competition," senior **Austin Smith** said.

The week before the newspaper was turned into the printing company, the staff met every Monday and Tuesday for layout nights, from 5 - 7 p.m. For the layout nights, they usually got treated to pizza. Mumma-Colman kept a laptop that she took home to make final corrections before she took the paper in to the printing company, which was located in Madrid, Iowa. She stayed up entire nights before deadlines trying to make all the final corrections. She enjoyed the 45 minute drive out to the country.

One of the most embarassing moments for the newspaper staff was when the printing company printed the wrong version of the paper, the one that didn't have all the corrections.

The newspaper staff didn't do only work, every three weeks they would have donut or bagel parties after the newest issue was done.

Jasmina Pandur

stand out
Newspaper Highlights

-Staff members throwing bagles and erasers in a hole in the ceiling of the journalism room.

-Senior **Curtis Claude** and **Franky Colbert** throwing an egg around for fun before dropping it. After that they tried to hide the mess.

Misspellings? Before a story goes into the final newspaper senior **Austin Smith** takes a final look to make corrections. "I like being able to work alone and able to work in a group," Smith said.

photo by Jasmina Pandur

Think. Junior **Charlie Frederici** takes time to collect his thoughts before he starts writing. Junior **Louis Richter** was on a roll with his story.

photo by Jasmina Pandur

Relaxation. Junior **Stacey Hunnell** listens to a CD while writing her story. While sophmore **Katie Wright** works in silence

photo by Jasmina Pandur

Blow out. "Even though I had to come in for lay night on my eighteenth birthday, I didn't mind that much because everyone was really nice and sang happy birthday Some people even made me cards and that was really sweet of them," senior **Jordi Mumma-Colman** said.

photo by Lisa Swegle

Cramped up. Sopmores **Brianna Baldi**, **Katie Wright**, juniors **Stacey Hunnell**, **Jess Bastian**, **Frank Hansman** and **Louis Richter** take a laugh around the couch. In the back senior **Curtis Claude** takes a laugh along with the rest.

photo by Jess Bastain

Quick snack. During layout night junior **Jamica Greene** takes time out to enjoy the pizza that she got for coming in. "It takes a lot of my time," Greene said about coming to layout nights.

photo by Josh Adcock

Hanging around. Everyone's doing something different than someone else. The newspaper staff spent their time differently depending on how much work everyone had.

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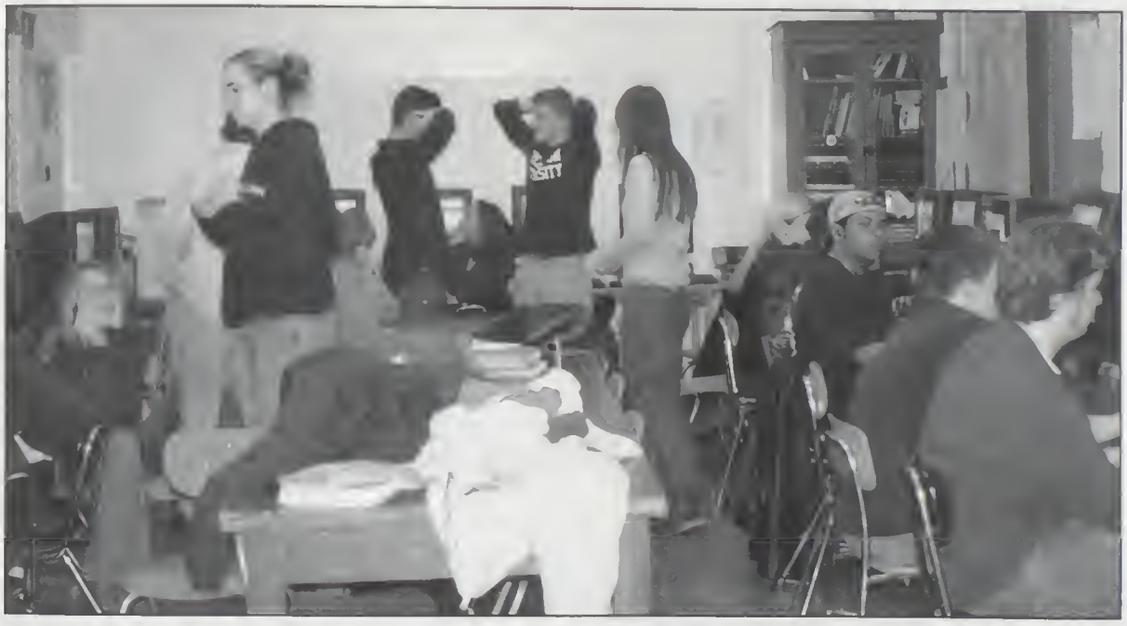
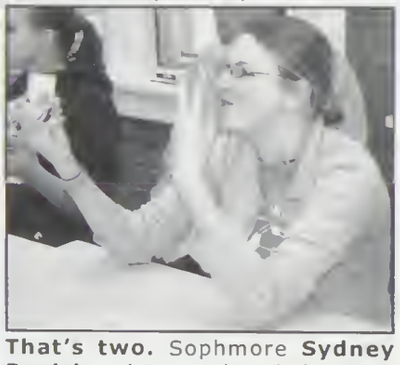




That's two. Sophmore **Sydney Bardole** points out that she's on her second saltine. The experiment proved that it is impossible to eat three saltins in 30 seconds.

photo by Josh Adcock

Look. Sophmore **Krystal VanPelt** shows her work off to sophmore **Morgan Doulgas.**

photo by Jasmina Pandur

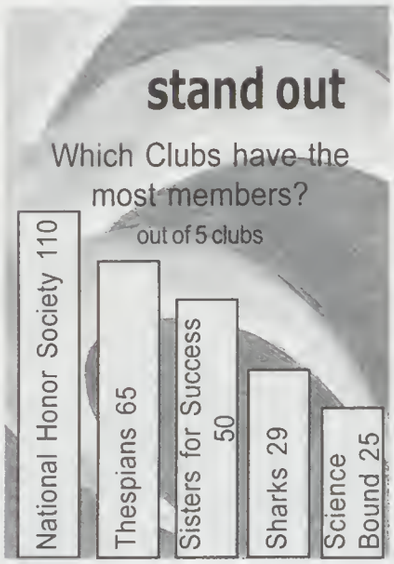
The long wait. Junior **Nermin Imsirovic** and senior **Franky Colbert** take a minute out of their busy scedule to surf the web. "We were looking up cars while Ms. Swegle wasn't around," Colbert said.

photo by Jasmina Pandur

clubbin' it

Come together to form rockin' clubs

Game club was a short lived club this year. Co- presidents **Marnie Strate** and **Dan Sherman** created the club for the love of playing games. The club rotated two different main games every week. During meetings competions got fierce. "Marnie and I kept a running score all semester and its up to date. We were very competitive and we seldom let other people play with us but we decided to give Annie a chance," senior **Jessica Peiffer** said.



A new and exciting club that had drawn attention was Anime Club. It included students from freshmen to seniors. The president of this school sponsored club was freshman **Anna McDermott**. Although most clubs were sponsored by school an underground Anime club was created and run by sophomore **Nick Hegre**. "Its something to do for an excuse to stay at school, we made our own club for us, not for the school," Hegre said.

Another new club, The Pink Flamingo was created. It was formed as an after school running club during the winter to keep the girls cross country team in shape. Co-captains of the club were juniors **Megan Whetstone** and **Natalie Krekel**. It included about 10-15 students of all ages.

Sisters for Success had been around for a long time. It was run by seniors **Alicia Lane** and **Esence Lloyd**. They participated in club activities which included a fashion show, a Kwanza celebration, education day, and making a world days. Senior **Davita Woods** was the advisor for sisters for success. "I liked Kwanza, it was good for a lot of African American girls to know about a holiday that we celebrate," she said.

Christine Jansen

That's a good one. Sophomore **David Johnson** and senior **Billy Rickert** share their anime character drawing during their weekly meeting. Anime club met every Wednesday to show each other their new creations.

photo by Aubrey Reser

The long wait. Sophomore **Sharlene Muhammed**, seniors **Ashley Wright**, **Davida Woods**, sophomore **Justina Edwards**, and seniors **Keiana Kennedy** and **Esence Lloyd** get ready for the Sisters for Success fashion show. They had a good time showing off their styles.

photo by Brittnay Jewett

Hardcore fans. Senior **Jessica Peiffer**, sophomore **Annie Glawe**, and senior **Marnie Strate** take part in a game of Disney Princess Uno . The three members of Game Club always exercised their Uno Skills when they had the chance.

photo by Sarah Hunter

Braidin' it. Junior **Paige Duncan** plays with kids at the YMCA. "The man was telling me to braid the girls hair or else her parents would be mad," Duncan said. The Optimist Club took part in many organizations to help out the community.

photo by Christine Jansen

Pack in it up. Senior **Tramaine Winfrey** packs up food for the R-club food drive. The R-club participated in many food drives throughout the year to help feed the homeless and less fortunate of Iowa.

photo by Sarah Hunter

Quick snack. Juniors **Hanna Albaugh**, **Betsy Rosenblatt**, freshman **Maddie Tomka**, sophomore **Fionna Fallon** and senior **Becca Stubbs** enjoy a breakfast after running for the Pink Flamingo Club. "Food always motivated us to run faster," Fallon said.

photo courtesy of Natalie Krekel

true love

Strive to catch that sweetheart

Searching for that 'special someone' in high school was a tough challenge. Students looked during class, at the Friday football games or even at those killer weekend parties. Many times they found that boyfriend or girlfriend right under their nose.

"I think it's best to be friends with the person before you date...you know more about them," sophomore **Jordan Croft** said.

Croft and her boyfriend sophomore **Aaris Hiscox** had a little trouble in paradise when an anonymous girl from Dowling called Croft's cell phone claiming she and Hiscox got a little frisky at a party a few days earlier. This ended their relationship for the fourth time. They later got back together after she realized she was with him the night of the 'incident.'

Juniors **Hillary Courtney** and **Steven Troge** knew from experience that it was fun to go on dates when just friends. At 6:17 p.m. Courtney was sitting at home waiting for Troge to call her and come pick her up for their date at Red Lobster.

Troge at the same time was perfecting his looks by styling his hair and debating whether to wear the blue shirt or the red. Troge then decided it would probably be best to call Courtney since he was running a little late.

An hour later they arrived at Red Lobster. They casually talked about classes at school, friends, and their latest frustrations with parents. "Last week Steve tripped and tore a hole in his jeans, so this date was definitely an improvement," Courtney said.

Troge agreed that the dates were fun. "I like going to dining with Hillary. She's a good friend to hang with," he said. They both were looking forward to next week's dinner with friends.

Paige Duncan

stand out

What's the best date you've been on?

"We went to the mall in matching outfits and bought more matching outfits."
Josey Strathe, sophomore

"The backseat of a car, it's where the memories happen."
Chris McCoy, junior

You're squishing me. While at a friend's house juniors **Bekah Garrison** and **Ben Norris** quickly took the opprotunity to cuddle. "It was hard for me to make the commitment but it was all worth it," Garrison said.
photo by Paige Duncan

Running into love. Senior **Dash Kelley** often watches the cross country meets to see his girlfriend, junior **Sam Beebout** run. Little did she know that he snuck out for a quick bite to eat at Arby's while she ran her race.
photo by Hanna Albaugh

High school sweethearts. Junior **Kristen Kennedy** and her boyfriend senior **Jason Reynolds** share a quick kiss in the hallway during show choir. Both enjoyed their only class together which was varsity show choir.
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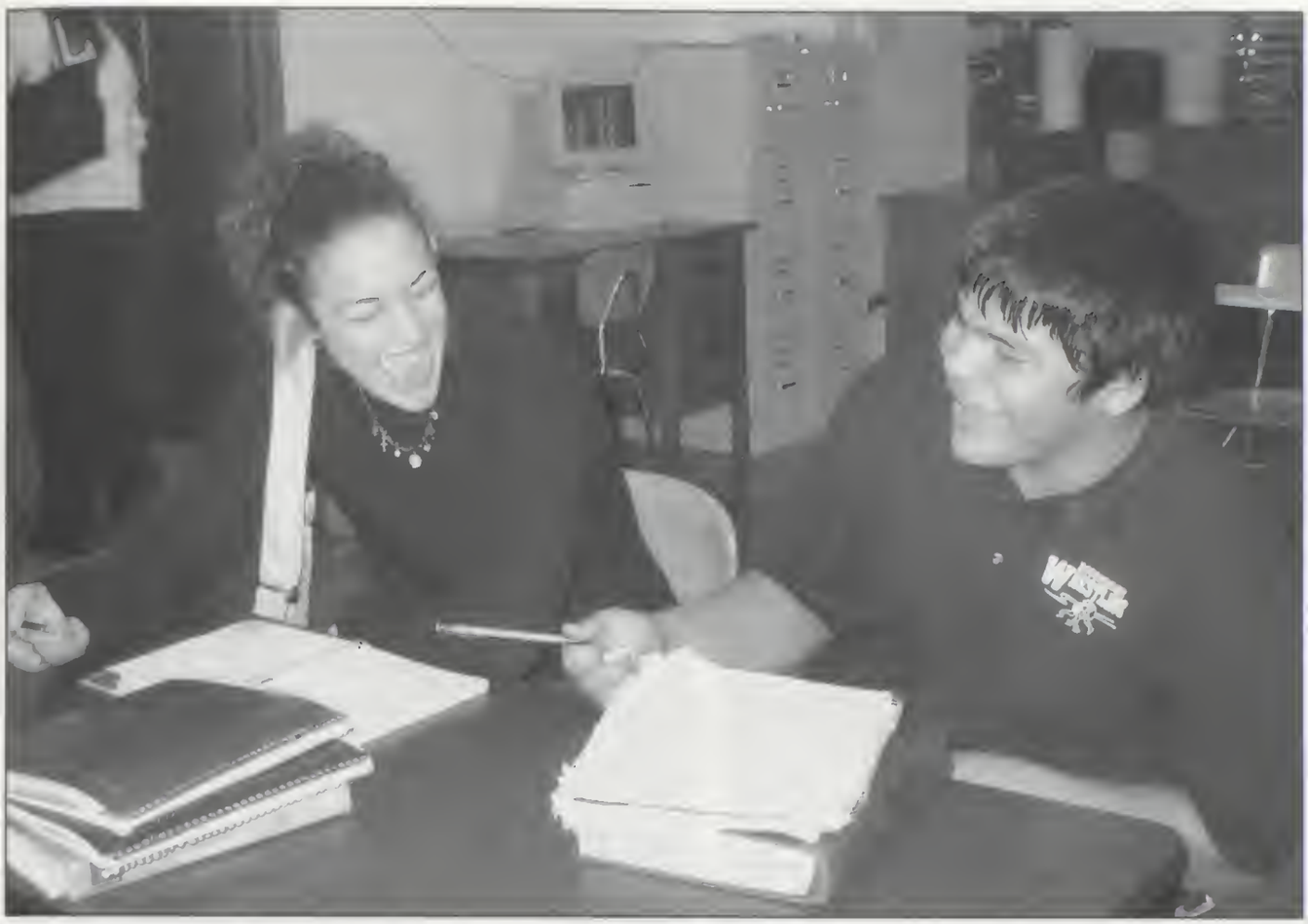


Sharing time. Sophomores **Joey Gonzales** and **Danielle St.Pierre** have a laugh at their biology assignment, which happened to be about sex. The two really enjoyed biology because this was one of their few classes together. Gonzales moved about a month later which made it difficult for them to have a long-distance relationship together.

photo by Aubrey Reser

Locking lips. Two and a half years is a long time to be together, but not for freshmen **James Conley** and **Toriquiesha Bolden**. They started dating way back in seventh grade and when freshmen year came, they were still going strong. Stopping for quick farewell kisses in the halls was a common occurence for the two.

photo by Hanna Albaugh

Going the distance. Senior **Taralyn Johnson** and her boyfriend share their plates at a cross country team dinner. She said that it wasn't that difficult dating an older guy even though everyone thought it was. "It's hard not seeing him everyday at school but it makes it more fun on the weekends," Johnson said.

photo by Hanna Albaugh

precision

Orchestra puts on picture perfect productions

The orchestra had a lot to talk about given the fact that 70 of their members showed off their talents everyday in the Auditorium. This inflated number was the highest enrollment in over a decade. It was no wonder that due to this high level of talent Roosevelt's orchestra maintained the second highest number of students accepted into the All State Music Festival. The students that partook in this honorable three day performance at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa were: home schooled senior **Judy Leinen**, seniors **Paige Richards**, **Suzanne Wedeking**, and **Jenna Spiering**. Juniors **Neil Anderson**, **Joe Mattson**, **Natasha Kim**, and **Caitlin Sims**. Sophomore **Paul Child**. Freshmen **Rebecca Marion** and **Emily Weiland**. Wedeking, Spiering and Sims 0were selected as first alternates. "Even though I didn't get to play in All State, I still had a great time," Spiering said. The upper classmen didn't get all the credit this year. The freshman were ecstatic about the 11 students selected for the Junior All State Orchestra Festival. This being an all time high for the Junior All State Orchestra for any school.

The Roosevelt Spring Quartet had been extremely active over the past year. Members of the Quartet included: Wedeking, Leinen, Spiering, and Child, and Anderson served as the alternative back ups if one of the other members could not perform. The Quartet had been seen all over the community. If it was not for their special on Channel 12, then you were most likely to have seen them practicing in the Auditorium for their next performance around town.

Josh Anderson

All-star. Sophomore **Paul Child** isn't inexperienced when it comes to playing infront of crowds. "I've played the organ infront of an entire Plymouth Church before," Child said.
photo by Josh Anderson

Its too early for this. Senior **Suzanne Wedeking** along with home schooled student Judy Leinen practice their duet during first period. Everyday they practied in the Auditorium, but for extra practice they met before school.
photo by Josh Anderson

Practice makes perfect. Orchestra teacher **Sandy Tatge** steps up to begin conducting *"A Mother's Aria."*
photo by Josh Anderson

Layout: Christine Jansen

Play it out. Junior **Niel Anderson** participates daily in Orchestra. Anderson was in Chamber orchestra which gathered on Monday and Thursday's before school at 7:00 a.m. Anderson made state on the cello.

photo by Josh Anderson

Concentrate. Sophomore **Kate Fuller,** juniors **Alix Lifka Russelman, Natalie Krekel,** and **Molly Dougherty,** concentrate on their music during 1st period orchestra. Krekel had been playing since she was in fourth grade.

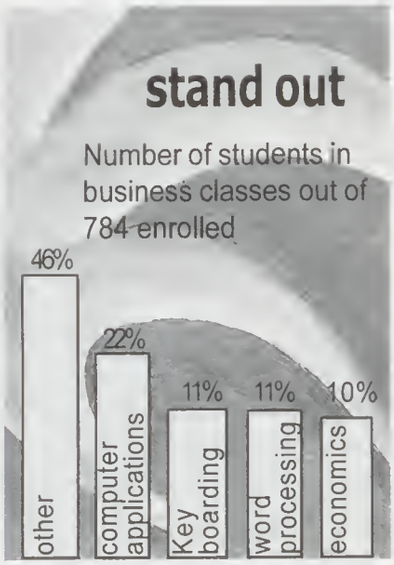
photo by Josh Anderson

all business

Computers help business classes succeed

Four different teachers taught 15 different business classes, which taught everything from keyboarding to web page design.

Not all of teacher **Chris Dilulio's** classes used the computers. In accounting I, they used the computer 30 percent of the time while in accounting 2 they used computers about half the time. In business law they only used computers every once in a while for the Internet. Dilulio also taught computer applications and word processing.



The room that teacher **Laurita Miller** taught in got a new ink jet printer to join the previous year's purchase of 27 new computers, a new scanner, new video impute units, two new DVDs and one new VCR.

In multimedia the students did some Internet projects, a PowerPoint presentation with sounds, videos, and editing, plus they also ended up doing a webpage. "I wish that it was a year long course," Miller said.

Students who took desktop publishing, word processing, multimedia or info. processing were able to earn some college credit from DMACC.

With all the new software and the availability of earning college credit, the projects only got more interesting and easier to do.

Jasmina Pandur

Listen up. Sophomore **Courtney Mtayari** listens to the teacher and tries to type at the same time during word processing class. Most students found the class very informative. "I really enjoy being in this class because it helped me out in other classes," Mtayari said.

photo by Dion Curry

Look and listen. Teacher **Chris DiIulio** teaches a new lesson while students look on. DiIulio was in his seventh year of teaching computer applications here.

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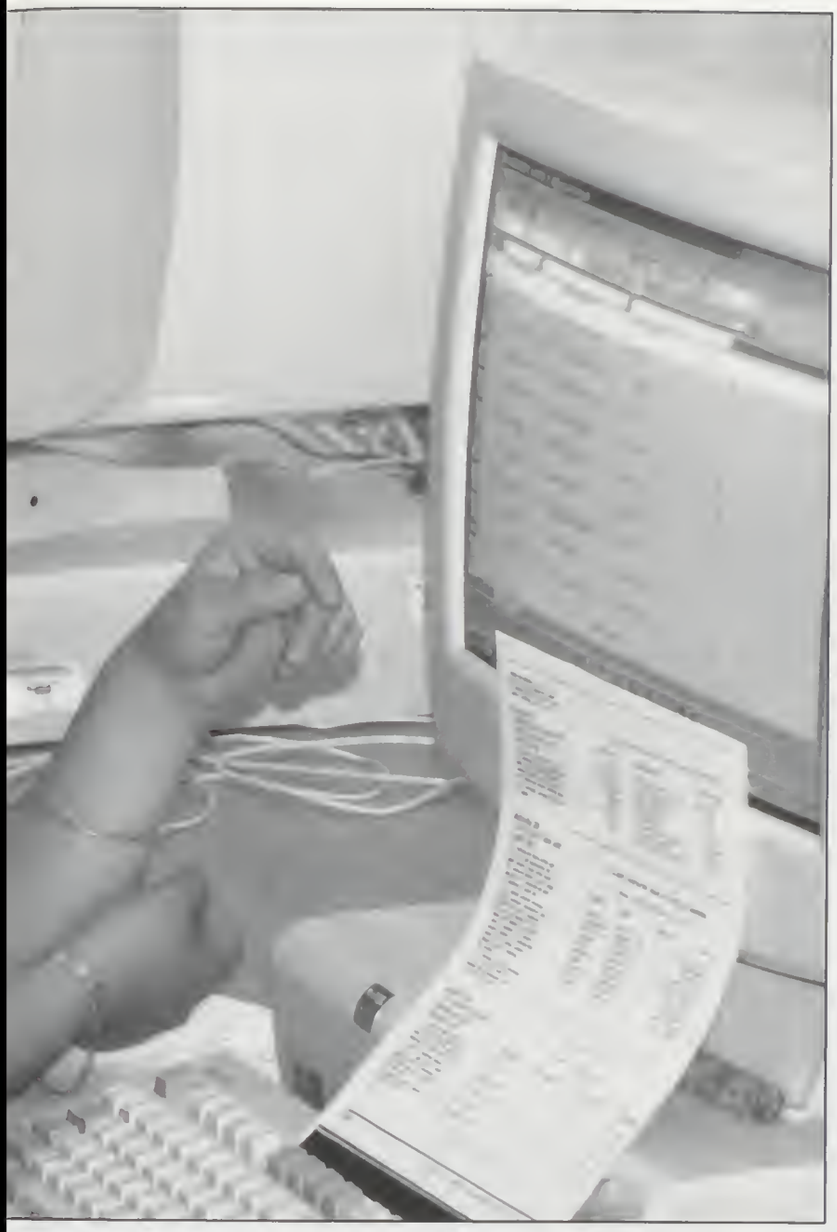

Listen up, this is how it's done. Freshman **Dulce Pulido** tries to help her friend sophomore **Anela Suljic** with a computer project in **Chris DiIulio's** computer class.

photo by Dion Curry

Watch and Learn. Teacher **Laurita Miller** always shows her lesson for the day on the computer, which would project onto the linen wall with an LCD projector. It was easier for the students to follow and learn when learning something new in any of the different business classes.

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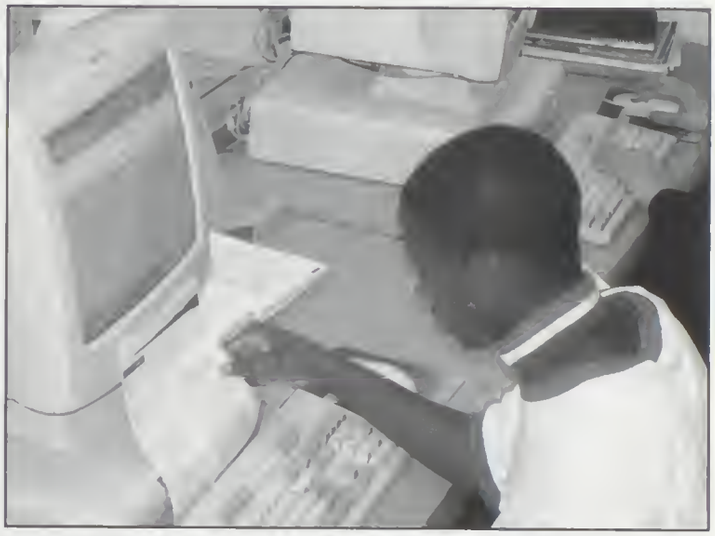
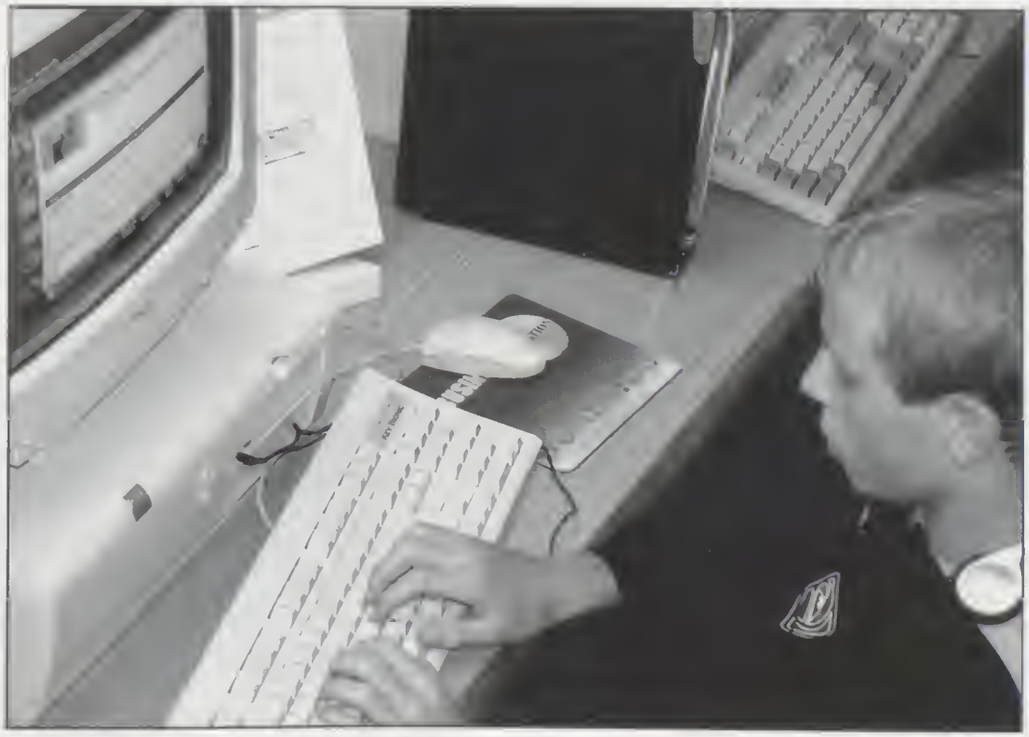




All work, no play. Sophomore **Anthony Hobbs** listens and tries to finish a student organization paper in teacher **Chris DiIuilo's** computer class. "This paper took us two days to finish, but I got it done," Hobbs said.

photo by Dion Curry

Music during class. Sophomore **Seth Saddler** would rather be listening to music than listen to the keyboarding teacher **Brandon Hope.** If Hope wasn't talking or teaching, the students in his class got to listen to music of their choice, but only if they brought some headphones with them to class.

photo by Dion Curry

butterflies

Nervous students compete in fine arts

Senior **Marnie Strate** never got nervous. To her acting was an escape. "It's my means of expression, I like attention and when you act people pay attention to you," she said.

Strate competed in the Public address division of the IHSSA competition. She chose her public address "If men Could Menstruate" by Gloria Steinem because she wanted something funny that would push the envelope even if it was a piece that she might get disqualified for using. She did not get disqualified but she did get some funny looks from the judges.

Senior **Dawnielle Simmons** competed in the IHSSA competition but for a different reason. She competed in the prose and poetry division but not just for her enjoyment. "My ultimate goal is for the public to truly understand the emotions, the feelings, and the aftermath of an enslaved race," Simmons said.

Simmons and Strate were the first two students from the drama department to be double entered in the All-State competition.

Artists got their chance to compete at the All-State competition also. Seniors **Athena Sutton, Sarah Hill,** and junior **Rebecca Gernes** were among a few students who entered in various art categories.

The competition came as a surprise to Gernes who was told only a few days before the competition. "I didn't really get nervous, I didn't have time to because it was kind of a last minute thing, plus I didn't know who I was competing against so I wasn't too worried," she said.

In the spring the Advanced Placement art students held their breaths as they submitted their portfolios. The portfolios contained thirty pieces of art and gave students the chance to get college credit.

Dana Bartolomei

stand out

Which show choir trip was your favorite?

"My favorite trip was the Sioux City trip because my whole family came and cheered for me."

Ethan Garrigan, sophomore

"My favorite part is the awards ceremonies. It's just fun to be together."

Kate McCormick, senior

Superstars. Sophomore **Maggie Conley** watches as senior **Ryan Morrison's** leg is examined by senior **Glenn Burmeister**. Their one act "Ed Opus (Rex)" received a division one rating at state and was nominated for All-State honors.

photo by Sarah Hunter

Manual labor. Preparing to leave for an IHSSA competition drama teacher **Lori Glawe** sweeps the snow out of the back of a pick up truck. "It was cold and snowy that day and we had to make sure the set didn't get wet on our way to Hoover," Glawe said.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Slumber party. At a show choir competition sophomores **Mckenzie Smith, Emily Cumbie-Drake,** and **Sara Cramer**take a rest before they perform. There was usually a lot of down time in between performances.

photo by Katie Wright

Layout: Dana Bartolomei

Bust a move. Sophomores **Robbie Salsbury** and **Corey Wedeking** kick their heels up in the middle of a dance break during the song "Wakin' on Sunshine." It was both of the boys second year in show choir.

photo by Katie Wright

Strike a pose. Sophomore **Meghan Klinkenborg** is lifted into the air by the strong arms of the junior varsity show choir boys. J.V. ended their performance with the song "Hawaiin Roller Coaster Ride" from the movie Lilo and Stitch

photo by Katie Wright

Quick change. During their performance of "Get Out of My Dreams and into My Car" seniors **Lydia Clark**, **Anna Hudson**, and **Elizabeth Silberman** change from blue to red dresses. The costume changes added an element of surprise to their performance.

photo by Katie Wright

Listen up. Freshman **Grant Bridgford** gives instructions to his assistant freshman **Jenna Woodward** about how to care for the human dog played by freshman **Judy Crane**. The freshmen one-act was titled "The crazy mixed up island of Dr. Moreau."

photo by Katie Wright

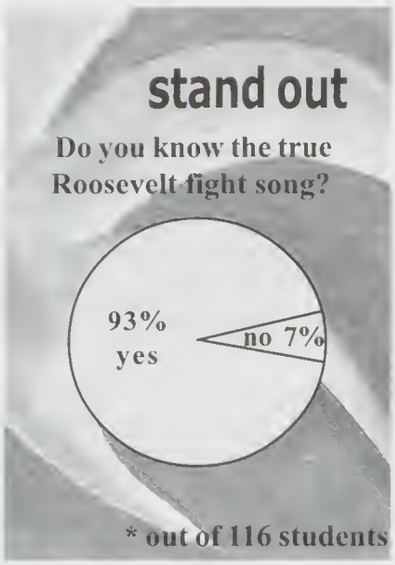
Be careful. During **Sam Chiodo**'s third period art class junior **Dwight Brown** makes sure that he doesn't mix his reds and blues. The assignment was to paint three objects as accurately as possible.

photo by Dana Bartolomei

guess what

Numbers surround every day lives

Every day students walked through the hallways, past rows of lockers and open class room doors seemingly oblivious to the quantity of life that existed. For those students who may have wondered just how many books were in the library or just how many gallons of water were in the swimming pool, the answers could be found.



Students: 1550
Students from different cultures: 60 or 3.9 percent Asians, 352 or 22.3 percent African Americans, 93 or 5.9 percent Sudanese, 51 or 3.2 percent Bosians, 70 or 4.4 percent Hispanic/Latino, 1,092 or 69.1 percent Caucasian
Lockers: 1400
Staff members: 148
Cost to build the school: $1,331,600 in 1923
Seats in the auditorium: 2,036
Clocks: 100
Trash cans inside the school: 132
Classrooms with air conditioning: 15
Classrooms without air conditioning: 61
Learning rooms: 76
Registered cars: 263 seniors, 169 juniors, 27 sophomores, 30 freshmen
Parking spaces not including the street: 225
Books in the library: 14,209
Magazines subscriptions: 43
Bathrooms: 10
Male students: 241 freshmen, 193 sophomores, 196 juniors, 163 seniors
Female students: 226 freshmen, 209 juniors, 168 seniors
Clubs: 54
Gallons of water in the pool: 179,071
Drinking fountains: 15
Computer labs: 6

Brittnay Jewett

Thirsty? Junior **Alisha Cavanaugh** stops to quench her thirst at one of 15 water fountains before stepping into class. Students were not allowed to carry water bottles because of potential alcohol abuse.
photo by Natalie Lawrence

Attention. Freshman **Sheida Andrea** and junior **Driel Smith** pay close attention to the Sisters for Success meeting while sitting in two of the 2,036 auditorium seats. During the meeting, students read their own poetry and short stories.
photo by Natalie Lawrence

Sprint medley. Senior **Cassondra Webb** rushes to find all the right notebooks. Webb's class was on the first floor and her locker was on the far east end of the building. "It's really hard to get to class on time because my locker is so far away," she said.

photo by Natalie Lawrence

Last in line. Sophomore **DeAndre Lloyd** talks on his cell phone while waiting for traffic to move faster. Lloyd was one of the 27 registered sophomore drivers.

photo by Josh Adcock

Bombs away. Seniors **Jontell Harris** and **Kahara Hunafa** dust off their hands after eating a bag of Sun Chips. Trash cans were conveniently placed to reduce littering.

photo by Natalie Lawrence

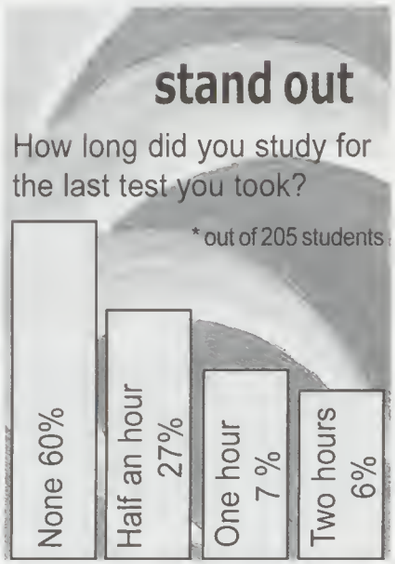
Chatter box. Lunch time is the best time for freshmen **Michael Chilongo** and **Bobby Ellick**. They spent most of lunch socializing with friends, while propped on the garbage can outside the cafeteria.

photo by Natalie Lawrence

preperation

find better ways to study for tests

Who gave the toughest tests? Many teachers at Rossevelt gave some seemingly impossible ones. Ask anyone around the school and a few namcs were mentioned more than most. One name that scemed to come up most of all was calculus and pre- calculus teacher **Mary Dilts**. One particular quiz over the formulas cos, sin, and tan was particularly hard for some studcnts. Junior **Jake Fuller** laughed when asked about the test. "Yeah, everyone failed. I got a 5 out of 24. It just didn't click with me, so I went back and studied," he said. On his second try, he got 18 out of 24.



Since there was a retake on the test, students tried to find new ways to study and prepare. "The first time I really didn't study for the test, that's probably why I got such a bad grade. This time I'd studied for like 20 minutes to see if that made a difference," Fuller said. Therc were study guides that were handed out, but they actually had to be done to understand the test. In other words, the more you studied, thc better you succeed.

Another student was annoyed by a tough test. Junior **Kavaughua Walker** couldn't stand **Terry Giofredi's** american history test. "His tests are so hard. The notes aren't helpful and he asks a lot of repetative questions" Walker said.

The best thing to do for teachers that gave hard test was to study for at least an hour not a day before, take good notes when possible, and also find a quiet place where you could concentrate on your subject.

Matt Adcock

Taking a break. Juniors **Troy Jones**, **Angela Nissen**, and **Ben Nichols**, try to figure out the answer to the next question on their american history test. Most students said that **Paul Birocci's** test were difficult.

photo by Matt Adcock

Bad score. Junior **Bridget Fagon** got one out of twenty four on **Mary Dilts'** pre-calc quiz. All of Dilts' pre-calc classes had to retake the quiz because everyone had a bad grade on it.

photo by Brittnay Jewett

Concentrating. Senior **Davida Woods** concentrates while taking her government test for **Brent Wooters**. "His test are usually hard so I have to concentrate," Woods said.

photo by Brittnay Jewett

Test time. Junior **Carolyn Bartlett** takes an American history quiz. She usually studied for about an hour for her test. **Paul Birocci's** test were 100 questions long.

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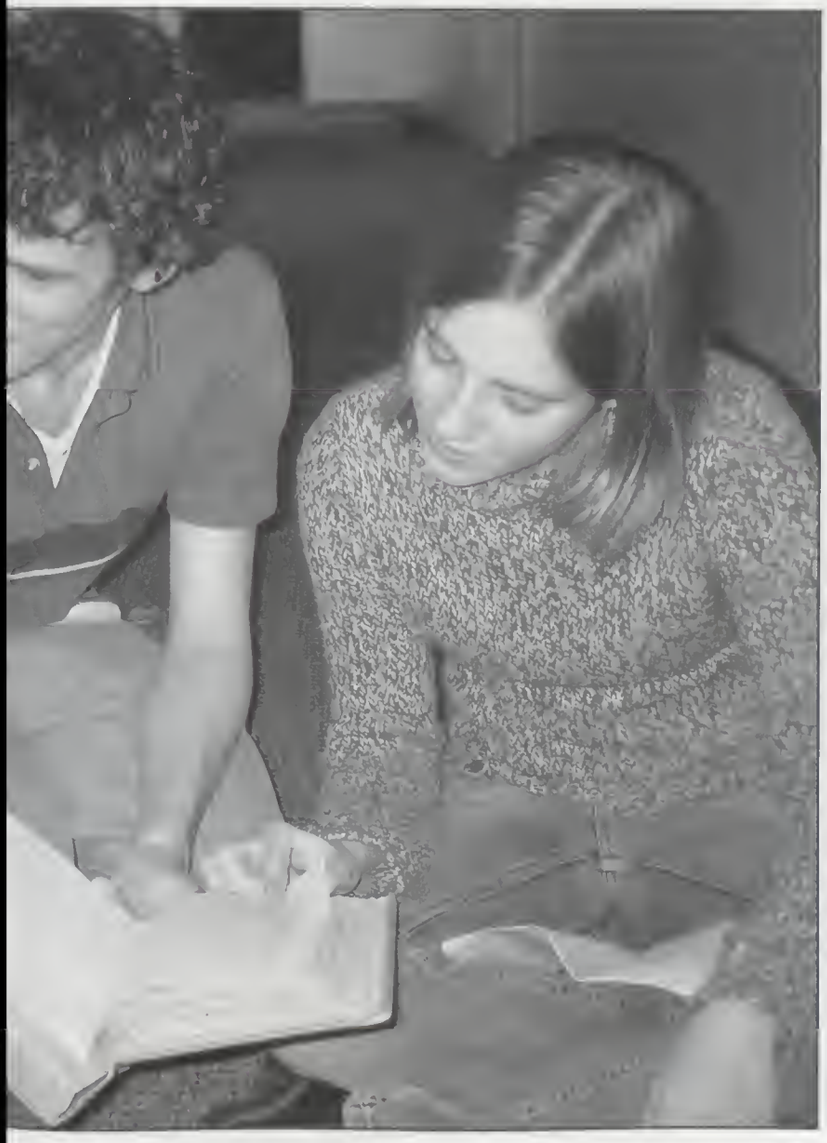

Get your study on. Sophomore **Jonathan Turner** studies for finals at the Franklin Library. The library was a quiet place where a lot of students went to study.

photo by Aubrey Reser

Studying hard. Freshman **Jessica Nelson**, junior **David Arentson**, and senior **Jamie Nelson** help Arentson study for chemistry. The three were able to study at their church together.

photo by Hanna Albaugh

family life

Cope with alternative family lifestyle

To some going home to our families wasn't a bad experience but to others it was something that they dreaded all day. Their family relationships were harder to deal with than school, friends, homework, relationships and work. Their family stress could be caused by annoying siblings, nosy parents, and mean step parents.

At school a student could be the normal high school student but then when they reached the steps of their home they turned into parents to their younger siblings which could cause a number of problems.

Different living situations could be found among various students. Senior **Bryce Carithers** had lived with her aunt and uncle **Jan** and **Don Graham** for a little over a year along with her two cousins **Lindsay** and **Tod**. "I really love living with them. It gives me the opportunity to have a family and siblings. It provides me with stability and structure," Carithers said.

Junior **Bridget Fagan** knew what it was like to have an odd family. Her parents **Joe Fagen** and **LouAnn Burkle** adopted her sister **Monica** when she was six weeks old. Monica was African American and it was hard for people to get used to a white family with a African American child. Joe and LouAnn were both in their early 50's and the adoption agency okayed the adoption because of the mothers age. Soon people welcomed the gesture of the Fagan-Burkle family with open arms.

Sophomore **Josey Strathe's** parents had been divorced since she was three years old. "I live with my mother and we don't always get along but I think it's better than living with my dad," Strathe said.

Carman Argumedo

stand out

What is it like having divorced parents?

"I don't really mind having divorced parents because I never knew what it was like to have parents that were married."

Maeve Jackowski, sophomore

"It kind of sucks because there is no one to go to to overthrow my mom's decision."

James McClaskey, junior

Chillin. Twin sisters freshmen **Megan** and **Allison Pederson** watch MTV after school. The girls usually watched TRL and hung out together until their mother got home from work around four.

photo by Carman Argumedo

Family affair. Gail Shannon cheers for her two sons from the crowd. "I don't even have to look in the crowd, I just listen for her voice," senior **Chad Shannon** said.

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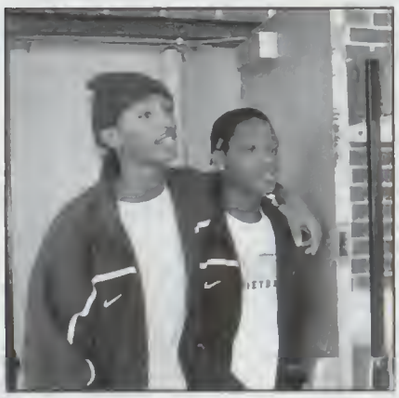


Lean on me. Senior **Chad Shannon** and junior **Ed Shannon** leave the lockerroom together. The two brothers played on the varsity basketball team together.

photo by Sarah Hunter

The tribe has spoken. The Stiffel family gathers around the tv to for their weekly Survivor fix. Every Thursday the family would spend time together as they rooted for Rupert.

photo by Carman Argumedo

Braid my hair. Junior **Randee Taylor** braids her brother **Jared Winfery's** hair. Taylor braided Winfery's hair every Sunday so his hair would look nice for school. "It usually takes me about two hours to braid his hair," she said.

photo by Carman Argumedo

Three's a crowd. Junior **Sarah Boyce** and Sophomore **Max Boyce** enjoy a game of Monopoly together with their dog Claria. Monopoly was a favorite pass time for the Boyces during winter break, they finished 13 games.

photo by Carman Argumedo

Work and relax. Sophomore **Julie Wilson** works on her homework while the rest of her family watches TV. Her father was the big TV watcher in the family.

photo by Carman Argumedo

continuous CIRCLE

Cycle of boredom continues daily

Everyday things repeated themselves. During high school people chose to change personalities, clothing, and groups of friends but there was always stability within daily routines.

"Eat, sleep, and go to school" were the first things that came to mind when asked about daily routines. Interestingly enough people had their own weird parts of their lives. Look in the life of a Roosevelt student...

6:15 A.M. Junior **Michael Brown** grabbed a bowl of apple cinnamon Cherrios and watched Sports Center.

8:00 A.M. Chemistry teacher **Kate Galligian** popped open another can of Diet Pepsi which she had been drinking regularly everyday for the past 25 years

10:00 A.M. Sophomore **Angel Perkins** pulled out another book to dig into.

2:00 P.M. Senior **Billy Jewett** argued again. Everyday after school Jewett would come home to fights with his mother and sister.

4:30 P.M. Juniors **Terez Jones** and **Jeremy Jull** got physical playing basketball.

7:00 P.M. Freshman **Micha Garrison** finished his homework and headed to the dinner table.

9:30 P.M. Sophomore **Erica Wolcott** brushed her hair once again before she went to bed. Her dad always thought she was brushing her hair to look nice to sneak out.

9:31 P.M. Wolcott snuck out of her room as her dad had expected.

Routines changed daily from person to person but there was always a typical activity sought after. While the continuous circle of boredom remained, some saw it as an opportunity to define their individuality. "We are not all irresponsible fools, some of us have ambitions. We are not all stereotypes," junior **Ellen Butler** said.

Christine Jansen

stand out

What do you do each day?

"Everyday I sing, it helps to get the juices flowing, it wakes me up in the morning."
Mikey Williams, senior

"I have to read the comics in a certain order garfield, baby blues, dilbert, non sequitor, fox trot, to stone soup."
Lydia Thies, junior

The long wait. Junior **Michael Brown** sits and waits for the traffic to clear. Brown was often late to his cross-country practices because he chose to stop home before practice. Brown saw many intersting activities while waiting. "One day some kid ate concrete in front of my car, while I was waiting to leave," he said.
photo by Jess Bastian

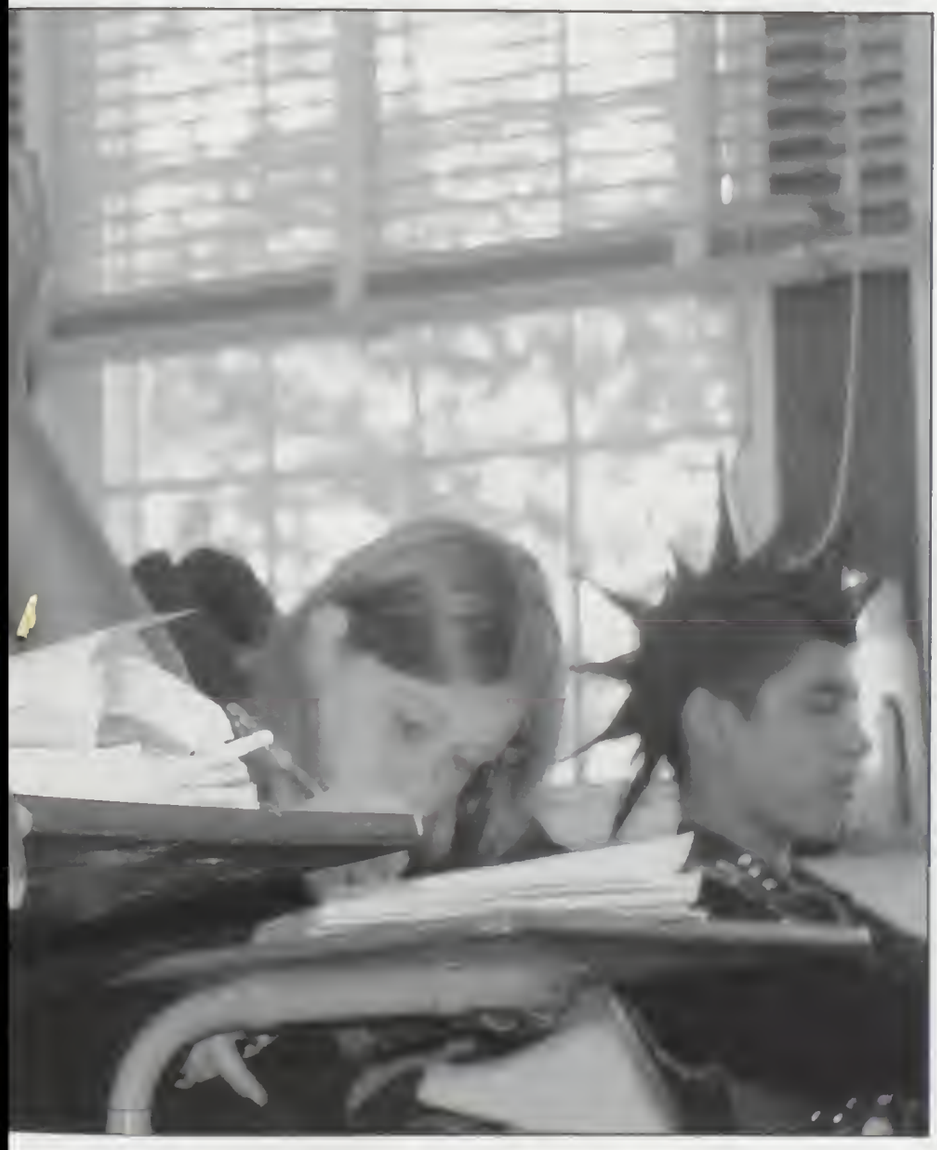
Attack of the little monsters. Junior **Dave Drustrup** volunteers while swimming at Youth Ministries at the Grubb Y.M.C.A. pool. Drustrup got involved when he joined optimist club where he volunteered weekly.
photo by Christine Jansen

Eatin' it up. Freshmen **Katarina Ezell** and **Dana Witherspoon** have a quick bite in the court yard. Although many freshmen chose to sneak out to lunch, Ezell and Witherspoon took advantage of the court yard which allowed freshmen to enjoy the outdoors.

photo by Jess Bastain

Hanging around. Sophomore **Nyantoch Wour** and **Anjelina Kangraar** enjoy the outdoors before school starts. Most students tried to hangout outside as long as possible to escape the hallway rush.

photo by Josh Adcock



Get your read on. Sophomore **Angel Perkins** tries to read daily. Perkins was excited to hear about the National Reading Day, and took full advantage in the book she was reading.

photo by Suzie Cownie

Quick snack. Freshman **Isaiah Oakley** eats a quick snack during Teddy Roosevelt birthday as senior **Samantha Wickard** watches. The school supplied cake for the special occassion for the first people that rushed down to get a piece.

photo by Wanakee Carr

get creative

art students learn to express themselves

The school was constantly changing and the art department was definately no exception. It seemed that there was always something new to look forward to for all the students.

In **Sam Chiodo's** art classes 3-D paper drawings were new to the students as well as Chiodo. "The folded paper drawings were different. They challenged all aspects of our skills," he said.

Up for the challenges of the year was senior **Rick Bennett**. He had taken art for three years and took 3-D design as well as graphic design at central academy. Bennett usually had a little trouble keeping up with the due dates but always seemed to finish on schedule.

Getting done on time was never a problem for freshman **John Kennedy** who almost always finished with time to spare. Kennedy said he liked his high school art class better than his middle school one. Kennedy took art I and II with **Becky Johnson**. "This year it's more skilled drawing. The projects are more advanced, we are taught more like adults," he said.

stand out

What's your favorite thing about art class?

"All the interesting people you meet, and how they express themselves in their artwork."
Frank Hansman, junior

"I liked doing the self portraits, it gave me a chance to express myself."
Lauren Martin, sophomore

Sophomore **Danielle St. Pierre** took 3-D design. Pierre's only complaint was never having enough time to complete projects, to the best of her abilities, but she did enjoy the class.

"My favorite project was the mosaic, I liked working with glass because you could do it your own way," she said.

Also in 3-D design was junior **Katie Palmer**. Palmer liked the class because she got to work with different materials. Some of her favorites were wood and glass. Her advice to students was to get invovlved. "If you have an opportunity to take art, do it," she said.

Erica Wolcott

Sticky fingers. Sophomore **Nya Wour** tries hard not to get any glue on her drawing. Working with glue was Wour's least favorite thing to work with in art, besides paint, because it was hard to handle and even harder to clean up.

photo by Andie Naylor

Isn't it pretty? After digging in her locker for quite some time sophomore **Liz Williams** finally finds her rough layout of a mosaic for art. Williams took 3-D design with **Becky Johnson**. "The hardest part of the mosaic was cutting the circles," she said.

photo by Andie Naylor

The next Monet. Freshman **Mattie Thomsen** works dilligently in art II. Thomsen had art I and II with **Becky Johnson**. she was working on a replica of a lily photo done with oil pastels.

photo by Andie Naylor

Don't mess up... Senior **Meredith Ghirst** concentrates intensly on her tracing. Ghirst was trying to finish the first step of her graphic painting on time. She was always struggling to finish on schedule. "I'm usually behind, I just work slowly and precisely," Ghirst said.

photo by Andie Naylor

Steady and still. Sophomore **Deandre Petty** puts the final touches on a project after getting kicked out of class. "You can't push perfection, you have to have patience," he answered when asked why he had gotten kicked out of class

photo by Erica Wolcott

Art is fun. Junior **Jake Gervich** enjoys painting in **Sam Chiodo's** drawing and painting class. Gervich had taken art I and II but enjoyed drawing and painting the most.

photo by Andie Naylor

takin' it easy

Enjoy winter and spring relaxation

Fall, winter and spring. Through the changing seasons most students breathed easy and kept busy, taking full advantage of what each season had to offer. Most importantly, it was the winter and spring breaks that were most looked forward to.

Two weeks off from school for winter break to sleep in and do whatever you wanted, didn't seem long enough. But time was fulfilled with all sorts of activities for many different students. Junior **Megan McAfee** went on a Carnival Cruise, starting in Miami and headed through islands in the Atlantic Ocean. "It was exciting, but it was my second cruise so it wasn't as exciting as the first," McAfee said.

Freshman **Tayla Simmons** just stayed at home during the winter break, spending time with family. "It was boring staying at home because there was nothing to do. I would have rather went some place warm, like Florida ," Simmons said.

Spring break was right around the corner, containing many different destinations for students. For those who stayed home there was at least a decent week of weather.

Senior **Rachel Ratashak** spent her spring break in Orjanestad, Aruba with a close friend. They planned on spending their time out on the beach and riding horses while staying at their all inclusive resort. "We were on our horses when I dropped something in front of this horse. It got scared and bucked this guy off," Ratashak said. "It was really funny."

Senior **Doug Wells** spent his spring break with family in Georgia. It was a 24 hour bus ride and an overall good trip. "Just being in a new environment was good for me, I was mesmorized by the environment," Wells said.

Between the two, freshman **Chelse Talton** had a hard time deciding which was better. "Winter break is good because it's a longer break, but during spring break the weather is better and you can travel. And I like bein hot," Talton said.

Tanisha Jones

stand out

What did you do during the breaks?

"During winter break, we threw snowballs at cars. It was awesome!"

W.D Scherle, senior

"Me, Nakita Carter and Tamarrah Brown went to ATL- shoppin, clubbin, and guys. It was off the chain!"

Thondra Bradley, senior

Hakuna matata. Sophmore **Kala Jones-Stokes** poses with Timon of the Lion King while at Animal Kingdom in Orlando, Florida for a national cheerleading championship. "Taking pictures with my favorite Disney characters was the highlight of my trip. I didn't get a chance to take one with Mickey because he was no where to be found," she said.

photo courtesy of Kala Jones-Stokes

Can I get your autograph? Senior **Jessie Peiffer** gets a CD signed by Kevin Hearn, pianist for the Barenaked Ladies. "They are my favorite band and it was the highlight of my senior year meeting them," Peiffer said.

photo courtesy of Jessie Peiffer

Layout: Kala Jones-Stokes

Whiskey barrells. Sophomore **Sarah Taffe** and her family spent their spring break in Kentucky viewing whiskey barrells "that smelled like yeast." "My family is a big fan of drinking, so it was interesting," Taffe said.

photo courtesy of Sarah Taffe

Cultural conflicts. Senior **Sarah Hunter** plays a game of Scrabble with her dad and mom while in Amsterdam over winter break. Hunter's family stayed in a house overlooking the canals that was built in the 1660's for two weeks. "New years eve was crazy. The power went out while we were cooking dinner and people were setting off fireworks half an hour before midnight and two hours after," Hunter said.

photo courtesy of Sarah Hunter

Ride. Senior **Rachel Prueitt** rides a horse named Morena while on spring break in Aruba. "We had been riding for two hours so my butt was really hurting," Prueitt said, "but we came back around sunset so the scenery was really pretty."

photo courtesy of Rachel Prueitt

Playin in the snow. Seniors **Jessica Wright**, **Dana Ketcher**, and **Jess Johnson** wrestle in the snow. An unexpected fifteen inches of snow was received in March.

photo by Suzie Cownie

misconduct

Delinquents serve the time to fit the crime

Passing notes in connections, like freshman **Maria Huntingham**, all the way to prank calling teachers, like freshmen **Ryan McMahon** and **Mychal Hudson**, were just a few of the ways that our classmates had gotten themselves into trouble.

Referrals, being the main type of punishment, were mostly received by students who were truant, disruptive, or who refused to conform to school rules and regulations. During the past year staff handed out 4,781 referrals, that was about three referrals per person. With more rule enforcement we were catching up. However, the trouble that was caused sometimes needed more than a referral. In that case, the police were involved and the student received a citation.

Many students also got into trouble outside of school, such as junior **Ben Brown**. Brown often went a few weeks without being yelled at by a teacher but when it came to things going wrong outside of school he was often involved. He claimed that out of the many things he had done, the worst was the time he punched a minister in the face...which caused him to be sent to a clinic for over-night evaluation. "My parents often say 'shape up, we're not to happy with your behavior', and I know if I tried harder I could do better," he said.

There were also, of course, those students who never got into trouble, such as sophomore **Maeve Jackowski**. "I'm always afraid of getting into worse trouble with my parents, and I have good morals," she said.

Students weren't the only ones affected by bad behavior. Teachers **Mark** and **Barb Havighurst** had their house tee-peed by a few anonymous students of theirs while they entertained company. However, they said it was more funny than awful.

Hanna Albaugh

stand out

What's the worst thing you've ever done?

"I picked up a table and dropped it on this crazy girl."

Alex Edge, junior

"There was this chick who I didn't like sitting in front of me during class, I needed to get rid of my gum so I stuck it in her hair."

Melissa Thompson, freshman

License for trouble. Driving illegally was a main problem for studets such as senior **Gerald Bonner**. Bonner received a permit violation and had to spend some time with vice principal **Ron Adcock**.

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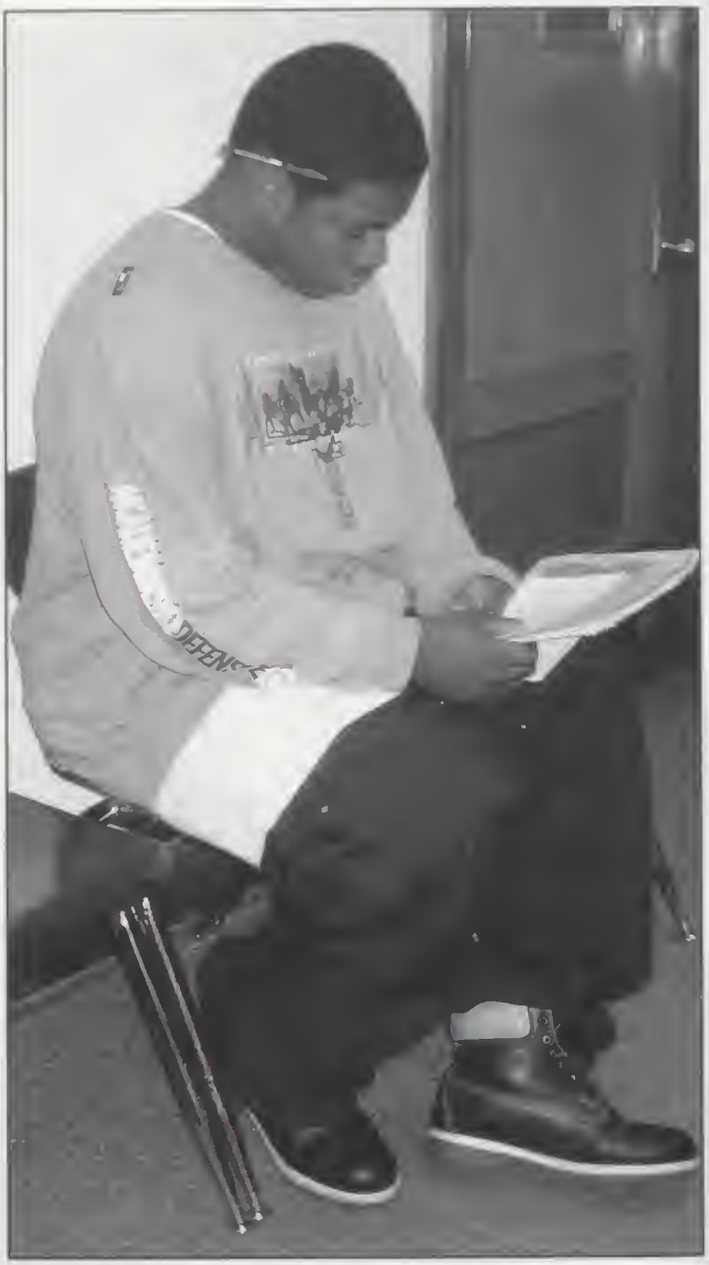

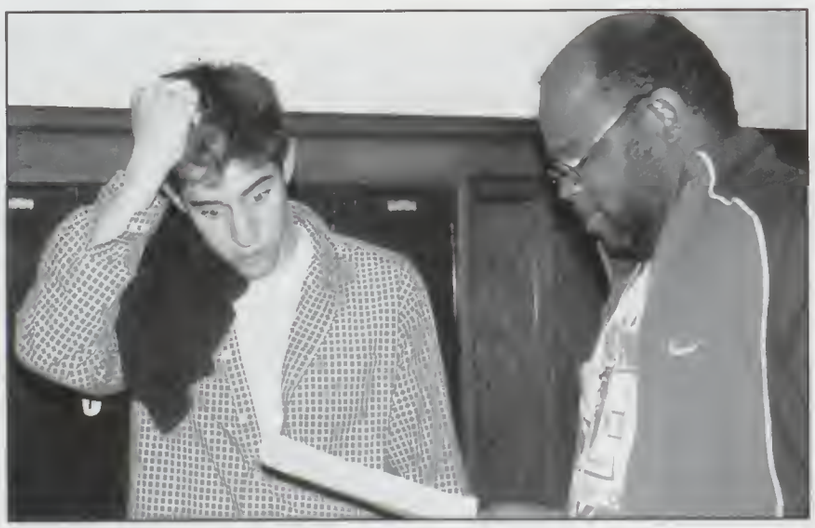

Catching up on the ZZzzs. Hall monitor **Mike Anderson** discusses a referral for sleeping in class with sophomore **Aaris Hiscox**. Falling asleep in class was a common occurence, as this was not his first referral for sleeping.

photo by Hanna Albaugh

Under lock and key. Senior **Mike Jones** wears a tracker around his ankle and doesn't mind showing it off. The only thing that really botherd him about it was having a strict curfew.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Writing 'em up. Officer **Bruce Bjurstrom** writes a $30 ticket to sophomore **Ferid Hodzic**. With all the construction going on around the school parking was difficult for many students. Hodzic received the parking ticket for blocking off the walking bridge with his car. Ticket prices increased last year, making receiving one even more unbearable.

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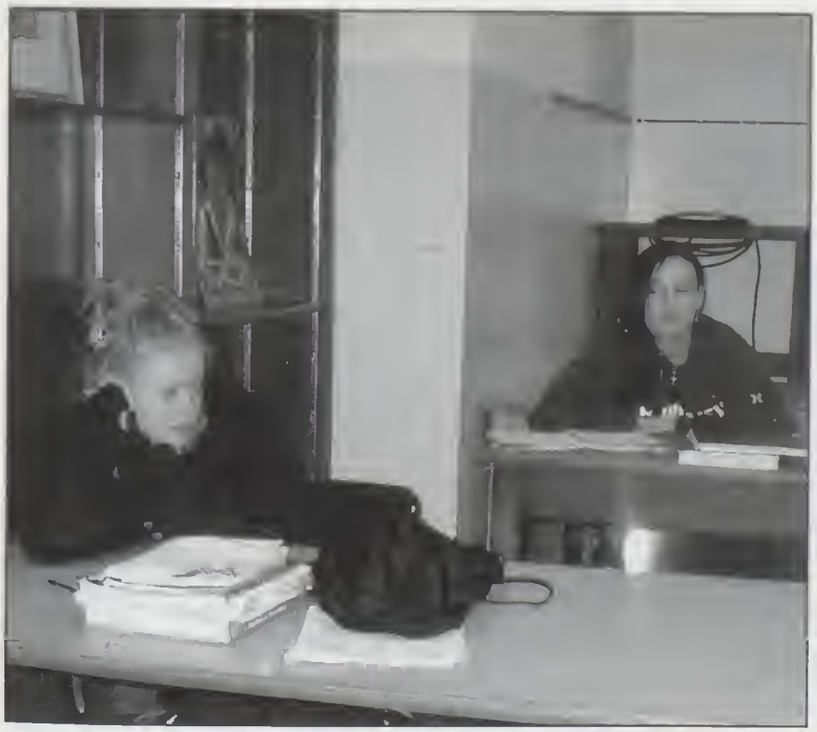


Surviving ISS. Freshman **Christina Miller** wakes up senior **Emily Marchino** in ISS. Sleeping was against the rules in the room. Both were doing their time during 6th and 7th period.

photo by Hanna Albaugh

OK, where is it? Locker searches weren't common, but they weren't non-existant. Hall monitor **Becky Starmer** searched lockers for various items. In this case, it was an inhaler for a student in the nurses office.

photo by Sarah Hunter

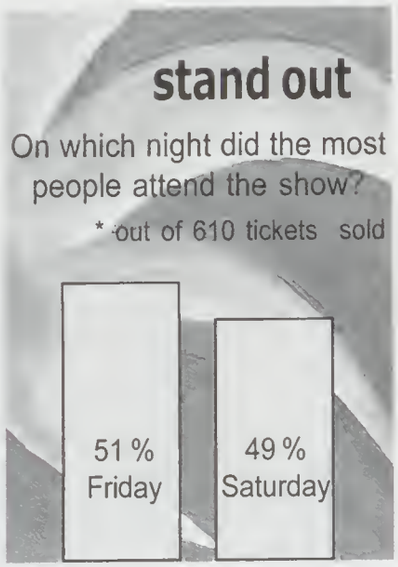
the wake

Teamwork brings production together

Practice made perfect for the spring musical. "The Wake" was about an Irish Catholic family reuniting for the wake of their mother. Six siblings who all went their separate ways come home and learn all over again how to get along with each other. The drama took place over the course of one day.

Senior **Marnie Strate** played the character Belle. At a young age Belle had a son. Scared, she took off to have a different life and left the son with her family. Jacob Peiffer, an 11 year old that played the part of Belle's son, believed his mom was taking him away to live with her. To his dismay she left him with a friend instead of taking him with her. The production required the part of a young boy and senior **Jessie Peiffers** brother was perfect for it.

With only five weeks to put the play together, and really only one week to learn their lines, there was a substantial amount of stress. "The stress made it more enjoyable in the end because of how it came together," Strate said.



Junior **John Spinks'** worst memory was when the cast played a little game to face frustration. The object of the game was to move a pile of bricks back and forth. It succeeded with frustration, but it also helped the cast to bond with each other. They learned to cope with others.

"I liked spending all the time at school and not going home. But I did get sick of being there and sometimes wanted to quit because of the people," Spinks said.

Junior **Sarah Helt** played the character Margaret Scanlon. The character was hard for Helt to identify with because she was an older woman with emotional baggage, but "having a really good supporting cast made it easier," Helt said.

Rebecca Hunnell

Eat your fruit. Seniors **Dawnielle Simmons** and **Rachel Gulick** discuss a common inside joke . "Dawnielle doesn't like me much in the play because I'm all up in the business," Gulick said.

photo by Sarah Hunter

Trouble enters. When senior **Marnie Strate** walks through the door, trouble begins. **Dawnielle Simmons'** relief came with the presence of her stage sister because of their relationship.

photo by Sarah Hunter

Layout: Julia Wilson

Team building. During one of the last rehearsals before the final production of the play, the cast takes a break for an exercise. What it involved was grabbing the hands of the person in front of you under their legs and trying to lay down without breaking the chain formed by the hands. Junior **Amy Burress** enjoyed the exercise because it was a "time to goof off without getting in trouble with each other."

photo by Ali Kuker

The long wait. Belle, senior **Marnie Strate**, and brother Jack, junior **John Spinks**, argue about how to raise Belle's son. They were both mad at each other and stubbornly thought they were right. "It's fun to play someone who is not a nice person," Strate said.

photo by Ali Kuker

Small talk. Senior **Rachel Gulick**, junior **Larry Moore**, and senior **Meagan Kay** chat about the recent deaths of people they know. Moore played Mike Scanlon, a minor character who was involved in mostly the first scenes. Moore had to get used to an Irish accent. "At first the it was hard to do, but then you got used to it and would slip in without noticing. Once you learn it you do not forget it," Moore said.

photo by Sarah Hunter

The little surprise. Junior **John Spinks**, who plays Jack Scanlon, gives nephew David a yo-yo. He had a difficult time memorizing his lines but tried his hardest. "He did not know his lines, so he would look at me, hoping I would know them, and swear. I had a lot of fun after the show beating him up," Spinks said.

photo by Sarah Hunter

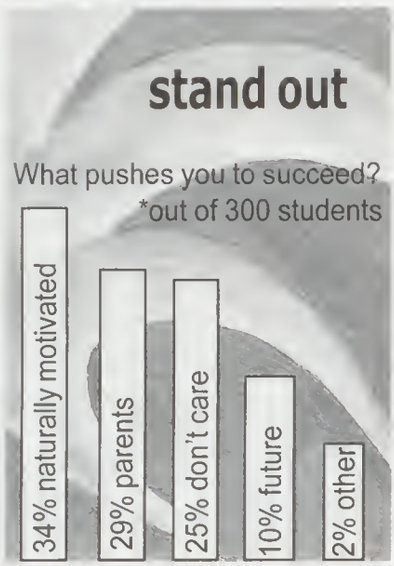
motivate

Students study for academic excellence

For many students, getting motivated was something to strive for. Select students were "A" students, others never did the work, but either way everyone had something going for them.

The attitude of "I don't care, it's too early to do anything" roamed through the halls "There's no point, we are not going to use any of it when we grow up," freshman **Will Ryan** said.

Motivation came from many different sources which may have included parents, friends, and surrounding influences.



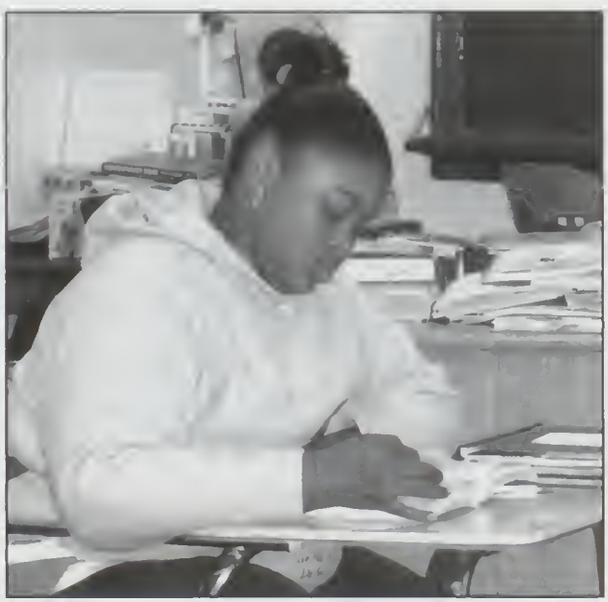
Putting oneself into a good environment was a big influence on how someone developed as a student. Some chose to be involved in the wrong crowd or activities which slowed any kind of motiviation. Drugs seemed to affect perfomance in school work. Those who experimented with drugs took up time that could have been used for school.

Having the freedom to go out on the weekends and hang out with friends also pushed students. Being grounded scared many students to attempt to achieve good grades. "My parents ground me when they think that I haven't done good enough," sophomore **Alec Heuss** explained, "but I still have no motivation."

There was also the chance that a student did it for themselves. Senior **Cassandra Spence** pushed herself to greatness. "I think about what life will be in the future and I have to get through school to get there for my parents but also for myself," she said.

The drive to become a good student was within each student. It may have come out in many different ways. Some which include artistic expression and academic excellence.

Christine Jansen



Reading rainbow. Sophomore **Gabby Lane** joins the rest of the school in the All Riders Read day. In October students took 30 minutes of 4th period class to free read.
photo by Keshia Palmer

Layout: Marty McDanel

Can you smell the flowers? Seniors **Matt Adrianse** and **Katarzyna Szemplinska** work on their homework while enjoying the swift breeze of the courtyard.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Permanent record. Sophomore **Grace Connolly** works hard to make sure that she recieves high points on the Iowa Test of Educational Development. For the first time, the test went on student's transcrips.

photo by Sarah Hunter

Congrats. Senior **Nikola Pavlovic** receives an academic letter. To obtain an academic letter, students had to have a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

photo by Jasmina Pandur

School time. Senior **Meredeth Ghrist** walks through the parking lot on her way to school. Students braved all kinds of weather getting from their cars to their first period classes.

photo by Julia Wilson

In a jam, need to cram. Junior **Anne Feldman** takes a last minute refresher cram the period before her Spanish test. Feldman was on the honor roll every semester.

photo by Marty McDanel

fresh start

Organized freshmen breeze through the year

With the help of the new "ninth grade transition team" comprised of students and teachers, freshmen became organized and successful high school students.

By shrinking the learning community, students were more prone to success.

The team had about 200 students and 11 teachers. The students took connections class taught by **Mark** and **Barb Havighurst** which taught organizational skills.

"E-mailing my assignments helps me stay organized but, if I forget to do my homework, I can stay after school and catch up on all of the assignments that I didn't do," freshman **Antonia Stewart** said.

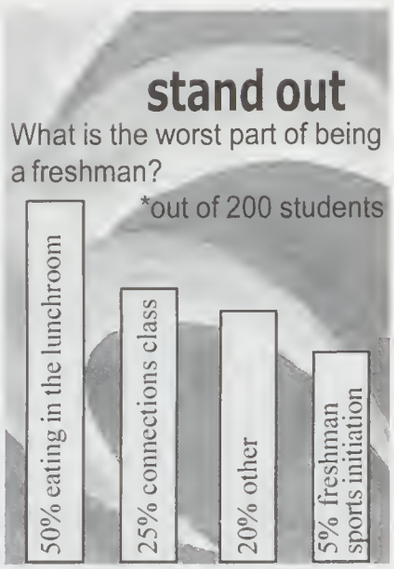
This plan started early with a new format. On Aug. 19, the freshmen gathered for breakfast and orientation. Parents were invited to orientation and informed about the goals of the program.

One controversial rule was the pass in the planner used to keep track of how many times the students used the bathroom during the day. Many students didn't like the rule.

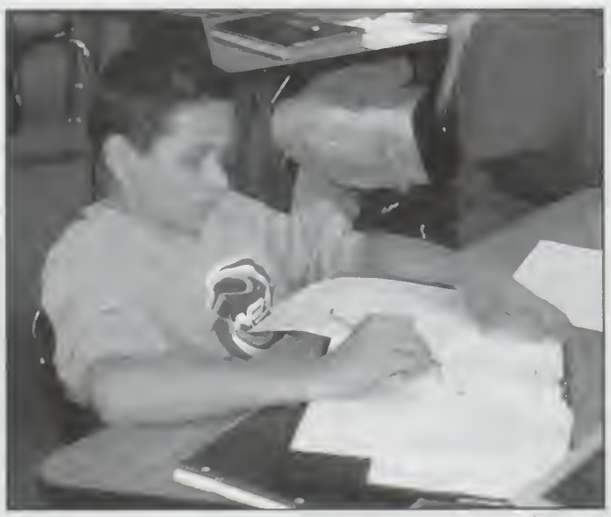
Many teachers agreed that the rule was stupid, but for different reasons. "Eight years ago we switched to a 5-minute passing period. Primarily, so students could do what they needed to do and not have use the bathroom at all during class. If we had uniform enforcement of the rules in the handbook, we would not have people wandering the halls," science teacher **Jay Groth** said.

With the cooperation of the students and staff, the ninth graders became efficient, organized, and ready to deal with the challenges of high school.

Dana Bartolomei


stand out
What is the worst part of being a freshman?
*out of 200 students
50% eating in the lunchroom
25% connections class
20% other
5% freshman sports initiation

Connections. Freshman **Ajdin Ramic** works on homework in **Barb** and **Mark Havighurst's** third period connections class. Connections class taught freshmen how to be more organized and to better respect their teachers.
photo by Dana Bartolomei



Study. Freshman **Jared Underwood** sits in **Richard Bright's** 1st period shop class. Underwood preferred doing the hands-on work more than the reading.
photo by Wanakee Carr

Layout: Kelsey Wheeler

Warm and cold. During morning band practice, teachers deliver rolls to Freshmen **Patty Flannery** and **Ashley Auxier-Mailey** for perfect attendance. Mailey was proud that she got a roll, and said she thought that it was a good reward.

photo by Erin Evans

Wash up. Freshman **Katie Slocom** washes her hands in the girls bathroom on the second floor. Her thought on the bathroom was, "When you gotta go, you gotta go."

photo by Kelsey Wheeler

Jazzy. Freshmen **Will Ryan** and **Andrew Karrmann** toot their horns in Jazz II. Karrmann played both the trumpet and piano.

photo by Kelsey Wheeler

Open up. Freshman **Rachel Chisala** and her mother open her locker during freshmen orientation. At orientation, freshmen went around to all of their classes for a few minutes so they wouldn't get lost on the first day of school.

photo by Stacey Hunnel

Yummy. Freshmen **Morgan Scholl**, **Emily Burress**, and **Megan Peterson** eat their lunch in the courtyard. They ate their lunch outside everyday until it finally got too cold outside in October.

photo by Jessica Bastian

fun facts

Mock trials, debates, quiz bowls, oh my

"Adventures, that's definitely something that we had a lot of," freshman **Anna McDermott** said. She and her teammate, freshman **Sam Fairchild**, shared numerous memorable moments while involved in debate. "The best thing that happened on a debate trip was that time that we got pulled over for speeding, our teacher was driving," Fairchild said.

Junior **Paige Purdy** followed in her older sister's footsteps when she became involved in mock trial. Her sister, senior **Lindsay Purdy**, had been with her team since middle school.

Her team consisted of her younger sister Paige, seniors **Abby Bartine**, **Jordy Mumma-Coleman**, **Megan Bolin**, **Peter Sloterdyk**, **Alex Hubbell**, **Anna Gajdal**, and **Ali Neilson**. Paige said that if weren't for her older sister, she would not have been as heavily involved as she was.

stand out

Why do you do mock trial?

"Mock Trial is just a fun thing to do and since we don't take it too seriously it's entertaining to watch teams who get really stressed out about everything. We just to have fun with it, but we're still as good, or better, than other teams because we all think spontaneously."

Jordi Mumma-Colman, senior

The Spanish Quiz Bowl was something that many of our Spanish students looked forward to each year. However, due to all of the budget cuts, it had an uncertain future ahead of it because a lack of substitute teachers. After a lot of worrying a conclusion was reached, the Spanish Quiz Bowl still had a future.

The participants in the quiz bowl ranged from freshmen to seniors but not all of them participated for all four years. Unlike with the French Quiz Bowl, there was a lot to prepare for. Senior **Dash Kelley** was on a team with seniors **Drew Peckam** and **Barnes Kelley**. Even though this was their second year, they thought that their chances of winning were not the best.

"I'd definitely have to say that I'm the weakest link but with a little bit of luck, and if all goes well, we might do all right," Dash Kelley said.

Hanna Albaugh

Taking time off. During a break between matches junior **Louis Richter** had to take off his shoes and set them on the table next to him because they were so uncomfortable. "They were my fathers shoes from a wedding he went to in like 60'. They were ripping my feet to shreds!" Richter said.

photo courtesy of Dianne Woods

The results. Junior **Caitlin Sims** goes over her results from the french quiz bowl. "We ended up doing pretty well, it was really weird though because we got paired up with people from a different school," Sims said.

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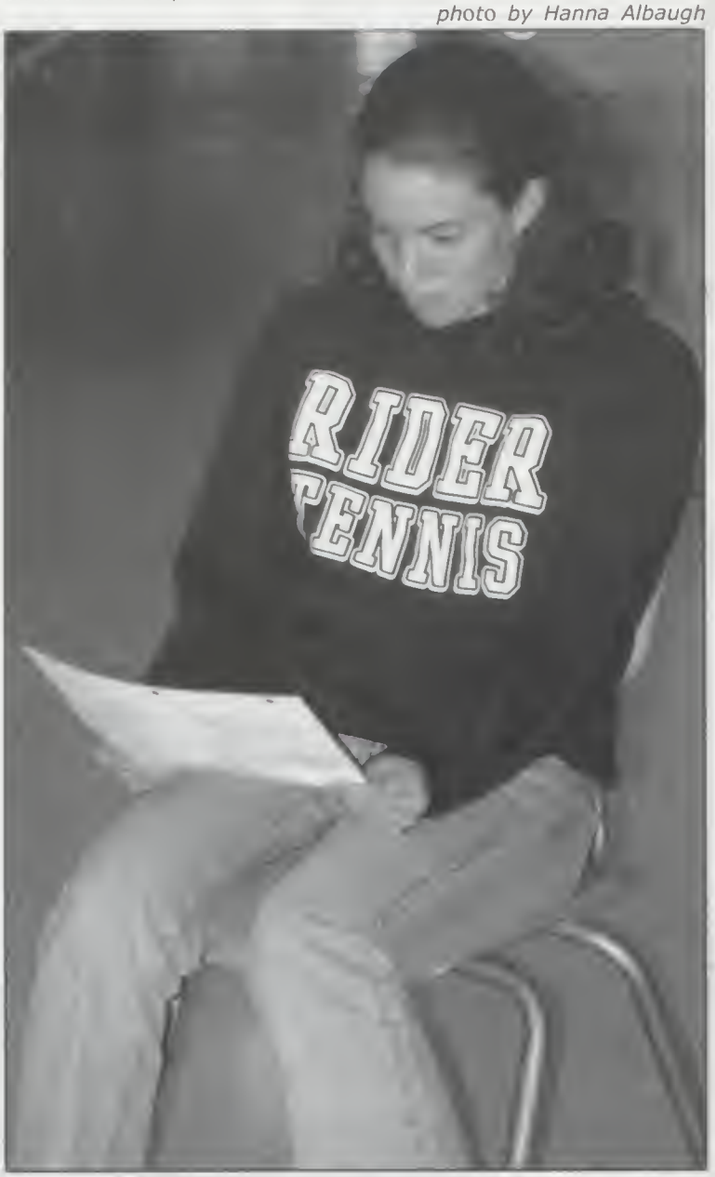


Combining teams. At the end of the season senior **Lindsay Purdy** chats with John Gajdel. Her team spent a few hours in the debate room with one of Hoovers teams.

photo by Paul Asjes

Awaiting trial. Junior **Tristan Camp**, sophomore **Jerrod Rabon**, and senior **Collins Ebo** wait to start their first match. "I was really nervous but my teammates showed me the ropes and what the judges expected of us," Rabon said
photo courtest of Dianne Woods

Last minute studying. Senior **Ali Nielsen** gives her flash cards a once over before going into a match. Her team ended up going to state and winning two of their matches.
photo courtesy of Megan Bolin

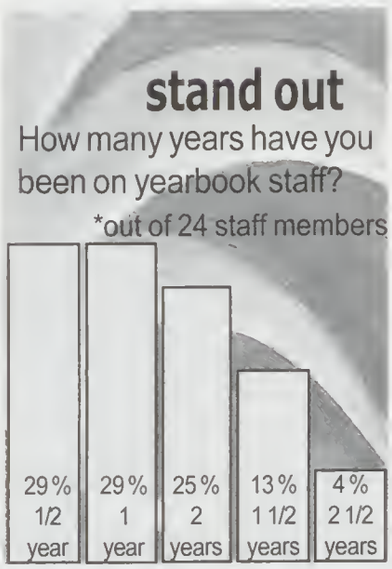
On Guard. While at a team mates house, senior **Paul Asjes** and junior **Paige Purdy** practice a demonstration for the judges at the state mock trial tournament. Brandt Williamson brought actual fencing equiptment for them to practice with
photo courtesy of Megan Bolin

headache

piece together puzzle pages of yearbook

Donuts, that was the number one thought of most of the students who walked through the doors of the yearbook room. Unfortunately, donut runs to Krispy Kreme were usually only allowed during Friday classes. "I loved doing the 15 minute donut run to Krispy Kreme going 90 mph with Josh," senior **Jasmina Pandur** said. However, a few of these speedy donut runs with senior **Josh Anderson** turned dangerous with the temperature. "On a routine donut run, it was really icy outside, but turning back was not an option. Dana and I did a 180 and crossed 4 lanes of traffic twice on the interstate going 60 with traffic on both sides. Dana, with her mad skills didn't cause an accident," Anderson said.

Food, of course, was not the only important aspect of the class. The whole yearbook did't get finished without some work. "I've had an excruciating love/hate relationship with it. There have been a lot of mixed emotions. Deadlines are frustrating, but everyone on staff was great at helping out," yearbook editor senior **Sarah Hunter** said.


stand out
How many years have you been on yearbook staff?
*out of 24 staff members
29% 1/2 year
29% 1 year
25% 2 years
13% 1 1/2 years
4% 2 1/2 years

Despite the work, yearbook class was also a break during difficult morning classes. "I like yearbook because I like to chill with Dion before I have to get serious," junior **Keisha Palmer** said. The feeling was shared by Senior **Julia Wilson**. "It's the one class where I don't have to work that hard, and I love the food," Wilson said.

The yearbook was not the only new thing made during this class, there were also a lot of new friendships between people that would probably would have not met if not for 3rd period in room 146. "The best thing about this class is the people. In yearbook there are lots of parties and laughter," senior **Paul Asjes** said.

Hanna Albaugh

Making things perfect. During a jersey photo session seniors **Suzie Cownie** and **Wanakee Carr** snap a few quick shots of every sports jersey. Carr said that they were so wrinkled they took forever to straighten.

photo by Sarah Hunter

Help. Senior **Paul Asjes** struggles while junior **Carman Argumedo** shoves his head in a bag. "Yearbook was a lot of fun, there were so many random hilarious moments," Argumedo said.

photo by Wanakee Carr

What was that? Senior **Dana Bartolomei** is distracted while interviewing senior **Dionne Trumbo** about the new student policies. It turned out to just be a door closing.

photo by Hanna Albaugh

Finishing up. While working on the yearbook spread juniors **Hanna Albaugh** and **Paige Duncan** laugh about an amusing photo. "It was fun getting to pick out all of the pictures from this year and know that they would be displayed in the yearbook," Albaugh said.

photo by Aubrey Reser

Layout: Hanna Albaugh

Field trip. During seventh period seniors **Sarah Hunter**, **Josh Adcock**, and **Suzie Cownie** visit Barnes and Noble. Adcock was unable to be in third period yearbook because of his schedule so he came in after school.

photo by Lisa Swegle

Relax. Taking a break duing third period was something that was necessary for juniors **Keshia Palmer** and **Dion Curry**. "Dion and I are really good friends and he likes to make sure that I'm comfortable," Palmer said.

photo by Jess Bastain

On a mission. Senior **Julia Wilson** goes in search of freshmen who have older siblings. "It was impossible to find people I needed because I only know seniors and juniors," Wilson said.

photo by Hanna Albaugh

Skin and bones. Yearbook editor senior **Sarah Hunter** uses a skeleton arm in a sword fight against junior **Christine Jansen's** alligator. "While digging through a box of files I found a stuffed alligator and when Christine saw it she wanted to go fight in the hallway," Hunter said.

photo by Hanna Albaugh

chew on this

The good, the bad, and the hungry

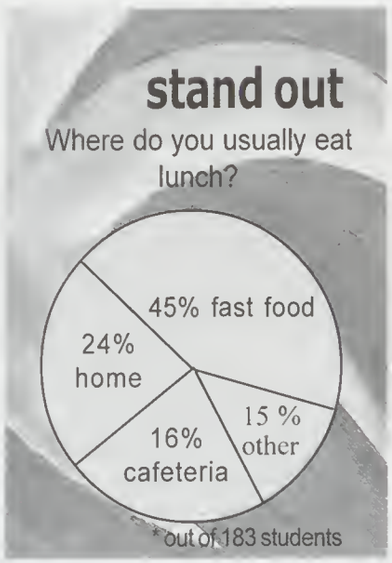
As teenagers with growing bodies, of course everyone started their day off with a healthy breakfast, right? Not senior **Abby Bartine**. She ususally woke up too late to eat breakfast, as she did on March 31. This was not uncommon among students, but it helped that her lunch started at 10:30.

For lunch she went to Bruegers for a plain bagel with smoked turkey, lettuce, and tomato. She washed it down with a strawberry spritzer.

She slept through her family's dinner so she had to get a quesadilla from Panchero's. She ate it with water. Before her afternoon nap and 9:00 dinner, she had taken 1500 milligrams of calcium.

It may seem like Abby went hungry, but she admitted that this day was not typical: she hadn't eaten that much.

Senior **Ali Nielson** went home for lunch every day. She had the Central, hour long lunch, and liked to get other things done besides eating during that time.



Junior **Amy Burress** had difficulty finding food with her strict diet. She was one of 17 million Americans who were infected with diabetes. Luckily, due to the new pump that she had gotten the preivous year, she could eat without fear. Carbs were still strict though. She had to make sure that she had the carb/insulin ratio correct to keep everything in check. "I like meat and cheese sandwiches, they are easy. I try to avoid pasta because its loaded with carbs," Burress said.

Paul Asjes

What's cookin'? Sophomor **Morgen Douglas** cooks up some ramen noodles over lunch at his house. He usually went home for lunch with his friends. Douglas didn't eat meat and there weren't many places that he could get a meal in the short time he had for lunch. There was no fast food vegitarian, at least none close enough.

photo courtesy of Krystal Van Pelt

Bless this food to my body, in Jesus' name, Amen. Sophomore **Octavia Ingram** says a blessing before digging in. Ingram usually prayed before meals, unless she forgot. Sometimes people would look at her like she was crazy, but most people were proud of her faith and would compliment her. Sometimes she would pray with her friends before meals. Ingram's favorite meal in the lunch room was potatoes with chicken and gravey. If she wasn't eating in the lunch room she would go to either Papa John's or Hong Kong.

photo by Jess Bastian

Get yo bottie on the floor. Freshmen **Shane Hobbs, Noelle Jobusch,** and **Chris Stone**, enjoy the warm weather by taking their food to the courtyard. They would eat outside whenever the weather permitted. Joebusch got her lunch from the vending mechanines.

photo by Paul Asjes

Get your peel on. Senior **Ali Nielson** loves her fruit. Nielson ate lots of fruit, both fresh and canned. During her lunch, Nielson usually went home and ate, most of the time she was joined by senior **Elizabeth Silberman**. Sometimes they ate great left overs from her mother's cooking, other days she made ramen.

photo by Paul Asjes

How do you like your eggs? Senior **Elizabeth Silberman** fries up some eggs during her early lunch and Ali Nielson's house. The eggs were supposed to be sunny side up but they ended up being nearly scrambled. She had toast to go along with the eggs. Sliberman ate at Nielson's house most every day but she always made time for "tomato soup tuesdays," as they called it, at Brugers with senior **Jess Johnson**.

photo by Paul Asjes

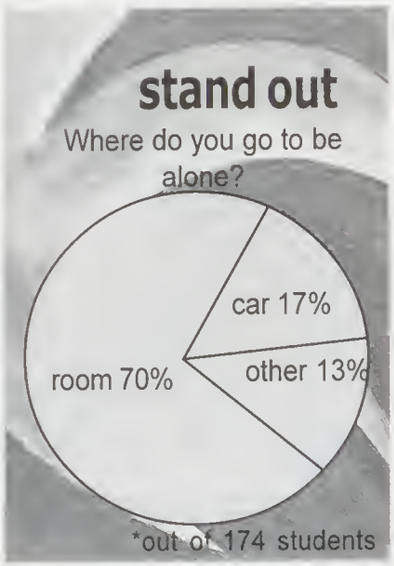
Conversation. Sophomores **Matt Kearney**, **Trace Greer**, **Kelley Reida**, **John Hanley**, **Dustin McFadden**, and **Michael Scapecchi** talk in the math hall about cars, wrestling, and girls. "Everyday we meet there to eat lunch and catch up on the days news during first semester but now we all have our own thing that we do during lunch," Scapecchi said. He missed the lunch talks that he and his friends had daily.

bubbles

Students find their own personal space

Every teen had their own room or their own car or at least some place that they could call their own.

Freshman **Steven Banks** family found an extra room in their house about a year ago and he deceided to make use of it as a guitar room. It started off with one guitar and ended with four guitars and amplifiers, along with a recorder and effect pedals. Banks spent usually about two and half hours in there every day to practice for the band a friend and him started calling "Progressive Sedation."

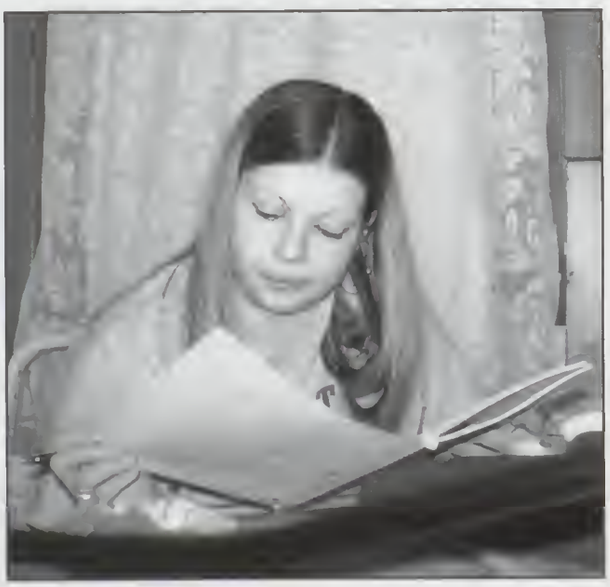


Senior **Espree Stewart** was more than lucky and got an entire upstairs to herself. She always had her own bathroom even before her brother left for college. Once he left she made his room into a swinging room where she hung out with friends. Besides her bathroom, she loved her bed that she had gotten a new comforter for. "It's very comfortable it feels like I'm floating on clouds," Stewart said about her feather bed.

Personal space could be something different for anyone else. For junior **Antonio Hall** it was a wall in his room where he had his 21 pairs of shoes lined up. "Everyone want's to have as many shoes as rapper Fat Joe," Hall said.

Sophmore **Matt McBroom** used his car to put all his belongings in. Since it was a Toyota 4 runner there was plenty of room for him to keep anything like his clothes, shoes and plenty of trash. "Sometimes it gets so dirty that people can't even find a seat in the back," he said. McBroom recieved the car from his dad and no one else drove it besides him. He did take care of it by cleaning it at least once a month.

Jasmina Pandur



Alone time. Sophomore **Anel Suljic** finds time to actually do her homework at home. Suljic enjoyed working in her room because it was a comfortable working environment.
photo by Ajka Sehic

Relaxation. Freshman **Jared Underwood** hangs out in his room to get away from the days troubles. Underwood spent much of his time there, it had all lifes necessities.
photo by Natalie Lawrence

Day-dream. Junior **John Spinks** takes a breather from his third hour show choir practice. "It allowes me to relax to keep it together during the day, everyone needs a break," Spinks said.
photo by Christine Jansen

Playin' it. Juniors **Jon Hill** and **Mandy McClure** sit together and play some favortie songs. "Jon really got into his music. I know that he has some weird faces when he plays but it keeps it entertaining," McClure said.
photo by Christine Jansen

Chicken wings. Juniors **Anna Vining, Paige Duncan, Hillary Courtney,** and **Bridget Fagan** enjoy the outdoors at their weekly O.C. party. The girls were big fan of the show and were devistated when they found out the last show was coming near
photo by Christine Jansen

Photoshop. A senior commercial photography student works on developing her photos while at central academy. The class offered a lot of creative flexability.
photo by Jasmina Pandur

dance match

Match making evolves to get job done

The tables were turning in the world of dating. Traditions were broken and an old stereotype was disappearing. It used to be that a guy asked a girl to a dance but the opposite occurred more and more. As intimidation and fear got the best of the male psyche, the ladies took the lead.

"I ask guys out all the time, it's the 21st century and it doesn't really matter," senior **Kristy Huynh** said.

The concept may have been hard for some to conceive, the thought of reversing the rules. Although women fought for equality so many years ago, there were still girls who looked down upon it.

"I think that it really doesn't matter who asks who out, but personally, I would never ask any boy out," senior **Sarah Said** said.

From the other point of view, many guys liked when girls asked them out. It's a vacation, they can sit back and relax, or wait in anticipation, depending on the person.

"I think it's fine for a girl to ask a guy out, it works for me," senior **W.D. Scherle** said .

Having a friend hook you up was another common way to get a date. That way either party didn't look to eager. Another benefit was that if one said no, it wouldn't be face to face. Its age old, elementary school, he said she said that so and so likes you strategy, but it worked, most of the time.

"It's never really worked for me. Typically it is the "third wheel," or the ugly friend of the hot chick," senior **Joseph Fredrick** said .

Whether guys needed to step up to the plate and get it together, or ladies needed to get in the new groove of things, change happened like it or not. If nothing else worked, there's at least one friend to lean on and get the job done.

If you liked someone then the main point was that you went with them, not how you got there," sophomore **Sarah Garland** said.

Natalie Lawrence

stand out

Has a girl ever asked you out?

"A friend wrote me a letter and it said that we had a good relationship and we should take the friendship to the next level. I didn't want to ruin our relationship so I said no."

DeAndre Lloyd, sophomore

Party girls. Freshman **Jessica Nelson** draws a crowd as she shows off her dress at homecoming. "It was the first dress at Younkers, I saw it and i knew it would be perfect,"Nelson said.

photo by Shabba Hughes

Twist and shout. Sophomore **Stephanie Fleckenstein** and senior **Kevin Bramwell** shake it like a polaroid picture at spree, where costumes were encouraged. "I wanted to turn heads and make all the ladies salivate over my pasty white legs," Bramwell said.

photo by Paul Asjes

Where da party at? Freshman **Alisha Johnson** dances to one of her favorite songs at the homecoming dance. Dancing was one of her hobbies, and she was no wall flower. She danced the night away to songs like the "Cha Cha Slide" and Chingy's "Right Thur."

photo by Shabba Hughes

Time Out. Seniors **Erin Barnes**, **Cassondra Webb**, and junior **Domo Jenkins** take a break from all the excitement of homecoming. "It was so hot and crowded at the hotel, everyone had to take a break from the heat," Webb said.

photo by Shabba Hughes

Playa pimp. Freshmen **Vincent Hanna**, **Paul Hall**,sophomores **Kurtis Hall** and **Jordan Rabon** strut their stuff in multi-colored church suits at winter formal. Hana prepared in advance, buying his suit in Memphis, TN while on vacation.

photo by Shabba Hughes

Young luv. Senior **Randi Luttrell** and boyfriend Dustin Welsh slow dance in close embace at winter formal. Before the dance they ate at Now and Later, where he adorned her with a corsage.

photo by Wanakee Carr

vote for me

And the award goes to. . .

Best Actor and Actress	Glenn Burmeister	Amber Wines
Best Body	Thom Waters	Jontell Harris
Best Butt	Jason Reynolds	Jodi Birkey
Best Dancer	Nikola Pavlovic	Shelynn McCurn
Best Dressed	Jake Rosenberg	Lynn Pham
Best Eyes	Mark Van Dyck	Anna Gajdel
Best Hair	Danny Flattery	Celeste Burdick
Best Legs	Mac Fisher	Jessie Johnson
Best Musician	Ari Micich	Suzanne Wedeking
Best Personality	Barnes Kelley	Becca Stubbs
Best Singer	Brian Bell	Paige Richards
Best Smile	Jordan Jones	Megan Jones
Best Party		Tiffani Jones
Biggest Ego	Mike Walker	Kim Montgomery
Biggest Flirt	Drew Peckumn	Jessica Wright
Biggest Brown Noser	Peter Sloterdyk	Claire Sabin
Biggest Ditz	Roland Harris	Christy Huynh
Biggest Mouth	Ryan Morrison	Emili Johnson
Biggest Partier	Eddie Wilson	Rickelle Williams
Biggest Fake-Baker	W.D. Scherle	Sarah Said
Class Clown	Kevin Bramwell	Britanni McMichael
Class Brain	Alex Hubbell	Ali Neilson
Dirty Old Man	Adam Grady	Sarah Varn
Most Likely to Grow a Mullet	John Baldus	Taralyn Johnson
Most Changed Since Freshman Year	Paul Ruhe	Maggie Dolan
Funniest Laugh	Nemo Burian	Allyson Tate
Most Artistic	Mark Carson	Sarah Hill
Most Athletic	Matt Waller	Jenny Mosher
Most Outgoing	Tyler Mitchell	Hilary Woodhouse
Most Hyper	Tim Hines	Suzie Cownie
Most Noticeable Car	Dana Bartlomei	Josh Anderson
Most School Spirit	Dash Kelley	Wanakee Carr
Most Well-rounded	Collins Eboh	Anne Lingwall
Most Wild/Crazy	Joe Honsey	Dana Ketcher
Most Talented	Austin Williamson	Liza Sharp
Most Desirable to be on an Elevator With	Tres Glass	Caitlin Graham
Most Likely to be Seen in Griffis' Office	Chad Shannon	Thondra Bradley
Most Likely to be on a Reality Show in 5 Years	Joel Burnham	Davida Woods
Most Likely to be President	Grant Hewins	Dionne Trumbo
Most Likely to Marry Rich	Brandon Havel	Allison Peyton
Most Likely to be Mad if They Didn't Win an Award	Kirk Ryan	Lindsey Purdy
Worst Senioritis	Bill Holtze	Moriah Lueders
Worst Driver	Kyle Baas	Sam Wickard
Barbie and Ken Couple	Tyler Mitchell	Sarah Ringleb
Class Song	Get Low	
Class Hangout	Science Center/ Art Center	

Layout: Paul Asjes

Oh no you did not. At the senior banquet seniors **Espree Stewart** and **Kevin Bramwell** listen intently as awards are announced and dessert comes to an end. Bramwell was voted class clown. It was fitting that he came in an unmatching coat and pants with an untucked white shirt with a loosened tie.

photo by Rebecca Hunnell

It was this long, I swear. Senior **Brian Bell** gives highlights of senior year. The banquet speakers went through the years in highschool, one speaker for each year. Bell talked about the damage to the school, boys cross country winning state, and the lack of snow days, and that at least there was a chemical day.

photo by Rebecca Hunnell

Stick it to the man. Senior **Tres Glass** hassles senior **Chad Shannon** as he accepts his award. He was voted most likely to be found in the VP's office.

photo by Rebecca Hunnell

Flower power. Senior **Tyler Mitchell** presents his parents with flowers at the Man and Woman of the year assembly. He was nominated for man of the year but didn't win.

photo by Josh Adcock

Circle up. Seniors **Robert Scott**, **Anne Lingwall**, **Caitlin Graham**, and **Cheree Ramirez** watch awards being presented. The banquet meal included chichen or pork with mashed potatoes, pasta salads and rice.

photo by Rebecca Hunnell

The future. Seniors nominated for Man and Woman of the year: **Hilary Woodhouse**, **Tyler Mitchell**, **Anne Lingwall**, **Barnes Kelley**, **DeAnna McGarity**, **Dionne Trumbo**, **Matt Waller** and **Peter Sloterdyk**

last dance

Seniors go all out to look their best

The biggest bargain on a prom dress had to be $10, and that was exactly the amount that senior **Liza Sharp** spent. She purchased her dress during spring break in St. Louis at Dillard's. "I choose this dress because of the price and I could make it work," she said.

Sharp got her hair done at B.A.B.S by Sheila and it cost her $65. She decided that she would do her nails by herself. She spent more on her shoes than she did on her dress, and they cost her $25.00.

The next runner up was senior **Brittani McMichael** who spent $38.97 on her dress. She got her dress in one day at Von Maur in Valley West Mall. McMichael's dress was balck with white flowers. "I thought it was great, it touched me on the inside," McMichael said.

McMichael didn't have a limit on what she wanted to spend, "but I didn't want to spend much,"she said. McMicheal got deals all the way around. She wore shoes from winter formal which only cost $20. She got her nails done at US Nails on Thursday for $20 which was free airbrush day. She used jewlery from a wedding she was in, which came from icing for about $15.

Senior **Jessica Wright** got her dress at a deal from Schaffer's. It was originally $340 but the salesman gave her 25% off because he felt bad, so it ended up being $275. Wright ended up dateless over her dress becasue he thought it was too trashy because it showed her tatoo. Instead she enjoyed herself by going in a group of 24 people. Wright spent $18.00 on her hair at the Iowa School of Beauty, got her nails and feet done at Nail Trust, and her shoes from Famous Barr for $30.00.

On average the boys spent $130.00 on their tuxedos. They came from many different places like Milroys, After Hours, and the Mens' Warehouse.

Keshia Palmer

stand out

What was your favorite part of prom?

"Gettin' together with my friends at the last dance for that last time."

Wanakee Carr, senior

"Oh I don't know. I was only there for about ten minutes."

Jordi Mumma-Colman, senior

So fresh, so clean. Seniors **PJ Shivers, Chad Shannon, Talbray Jackson ,** and junior **Dion Curry** all take time out to take a picture. "It was coo' cuz I was there with the hommies," Curry said. They all had been friends for four years.

photo by Keshia Palmer

Pin it. Before going to dinner senior **Mark Van Dyck** gets his boutiner pinned on by his date senior **Julia Wilson**. They had dinner at Ohana's with a group of ten people.

photo courtesy of Julia Wilson

Be careful. After taking family pictures senior **Cheree Ramirez**, makes her way to the limo with the help of boyfriend J.D. Ramirez had on some really high heels and almost tripped down the hill. She had to use her boyfriend for support.

photo courtesy of Cheree Ramirez

It's over. After dancing the night away, senior **Jason Reynolds** had to return his tuxedo. He got the it from After Hours in Valley West Mall.

photo courtesy of Dana Bartolomei

Queen. After being crowned, senior **Liza Sharp** takes a minute to readjust her crown. "I was shocked because I didn't think I would win I had a tough competition," Sharp said.

photo by Keshia Palmer

The Big Kiss. Senior **Robert Scott** takes time to show a little affection. His date was girlfriend Tootie. They had been dating for a long time and decided to make prom an exceptional night. They both wore white and Scott was pimped out with a cane. He used the cane to keep the beat of the song.

photo courtesy of Jolesch Photography

total chaos

Graduation suffers loss of composure

Some would call the night of May 22nd a night filled with chaos, while others would call it a night to remember.

At 6:30 p.m. seniors arrived at the Knapp Center at Drake University and headed down to the Bell Center to prepare for their trip across the stage.

Vice principal **Vallery Griffis** stood up in front of the senior class and informed them that the air conditioning had not been working all day, but not to worry, we would be done with the ceremony in an hour and a half. Little did she know, stormy weather was heading in from the west.

As the graduating seniors lined up to walk into the ceremony they realized a problem. Everyone who would be sitting on the left side would enter their row backwards. Instead of walking straight into the rows, graduates had to slide past everyone in their row so they could get to their seat. "People kept knocking my cap off as they filed in past me. It must have fallen off at least five times," senior **Calire Sabin** said.

After everyone was seated in the correct seats, the ceremony began. Senior **Alex Hubble**, who had been selected out of 43 valedictorians by the senior class, delivered his speech, thanking staff members, students, and his family. While Griffis acknowledged students with special awards, the tornado warning sirens sounded.

Event security devised an evacuation plan which moved balcony level spectators to the lower levels of the arena. Meanwhile the seniors stayed seated in the heat. As waiting dragged on, gowns came off, cell phones were pulled out, and the soon to be graduates walked around restlessly. After 45 minutes the all-clear signal was finally given, and the ceremony resumed.

Seniors were finally given the chance to walk across the stage and receive their diploma covers while family members and friends cried, cheered, and beamed with pride.

Wanakee Carr

stand out

Graduation Ceremony Highlights

-Guest speaker: Ed Barnes

-Class elected speaker: **Alex Hubble**

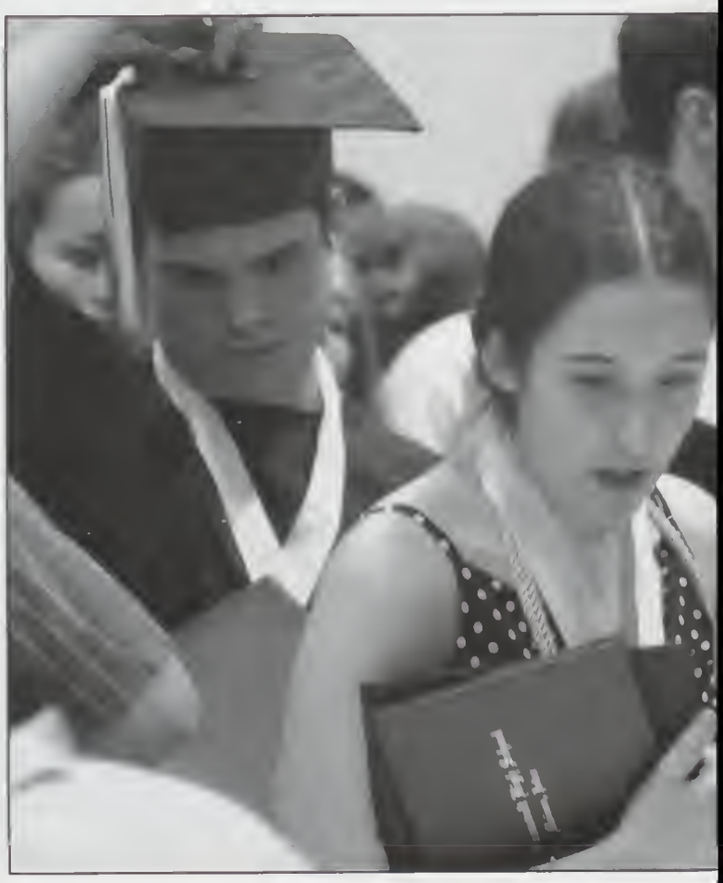
-52 graduates in the top 3% of their class wore gold honor cords

-33 graduates in the top 15% of their class wore silver honor cords

-There were 22 class commeneded awards and 92 recognized senior awards

Pay close attention. Seniors **Jordan Jones**, **Megan Jones**, **Erik Kalagna**, **Mahir Karamuji**, **Bree Kaser**, and **Libby Kelley** listen and read their programs during the ceremony. Both graduates and guests used their programs as fans because the air conditioning was broken.

photo by Erica Wolcott



What did you say? Seniors **Edina Aganbegovic** and **Josh Anderson** try to hear what is going on over the noise of the crowd. Graduates had a difficult time finding their parents in the large crowd at the Knapp Center

photo by Andie Naylor

My baby. Principal **Anita Micich** holds back tears as her only son, senior **Ari Micich** crosses the stage. "After they said my name, I couldn't hear anything as I walked across the stage. It was all a blur," Micich said.

photo by Andie Naylor

Snack anyone? Senior **Shabba Hughes** yells thanks to her parents in the audience. Hughes was lucky enough to have her parents bring her a bottle of Gatorade while the ceremony was put on hold for 45 minutes for a tornado warning.

photo by Andie Naylor

Yeeaahh. Senior **Wanakee Carr** serenades the graduating class with a song of happiness upon entering the Bell Center after the ceremony. "My feet were hurtin' so bad, I was just happy to finally get out of there," Carr said. Everyone was relieved when the ceremony finished at 10 p.m. without the sirens going off again.

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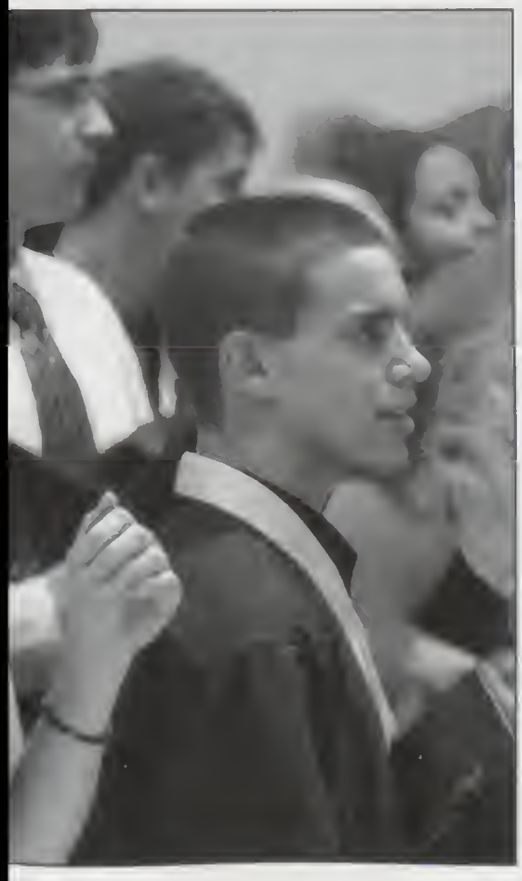
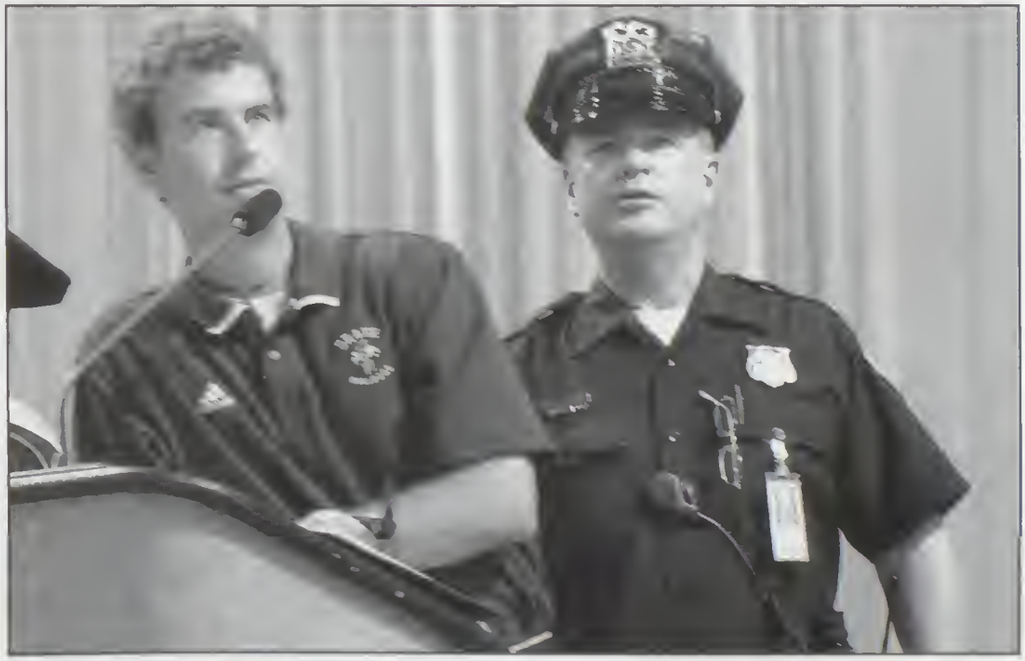




Rush hour. Seniors **Bill Holtze**, **Sarah Hill**, **Chris Gallant**, and **Adam Grady** wait in the middle of a crowd of students in the Bell Center to return their robes. With about an hour to make it to the senior party, students had to rush in order to make it on time and still be able to take pictures with family.

photo by Andie Naylor

Stay calm. A Knapp Center events coordinator discusses an appropriate plan of action with officer **Bruce Bjurstrom**. Shortly after the tornado sirens sounded, they announced the necessity of relocating the top sections of the audience away from the windows.

photo by Erica Wolcott

riderwood

Students spend final night in the movies

Nothing could stop the seniors from having fun, not even the rainstorm in the middle of the kick off fireworks. The seniors still had a wonderful time in the world of movies, really it was just the school, but it had been transformed into "Riderwood."

For the students who were bursting with energy, there was plenty to do. Riding a mechanical bull or pretending to be a *"Gladiator"* sparring with an opponent were both popular options. Swimming was also popular, especially with the huge inflatable slide that flung students into the deep end of the pool with incredible speed.

For students who wanted to win prizes and learn how to gamble, the *"Ocean's 11"* casino was the place to be. The casino was also equipped with a stage for karaoke and an Elvis impersonator. The lazier seniors just waited until the balloon drop for their prizes. "The balloon drop was great because some people popped the balloons and looked for the prizes and other people just came later and stole the free pizza tickets," senior **Barnes Kelley** said.

With all that energy burned, it was time for seniors to eat up. There were various food stands to hit. Pizza was available along with walking tacos, but probably the best find was the barbecue that was held in the courtyard. Seniors had no problem braving the elements for ribs.

There were plenty of less strenous activities as well. When students needed a break, they headed into the *"Matrix"* for massages, palm reading, and **Vicki Goldsmith's** dream interpretations.

At 3:45 a.m. the seniors were shuttled into the auditorium to enjoy a hypnotist show. No one would forget the Chippendales dancers that graced the stage or senior **Cheree Ramirez's** wonderful Madonna impression singing to *"Like a Virgin."*

Dana Bartolomei

stand out

What was your favorite part about the party?

"The hypnotist because he constantly made me laugh."

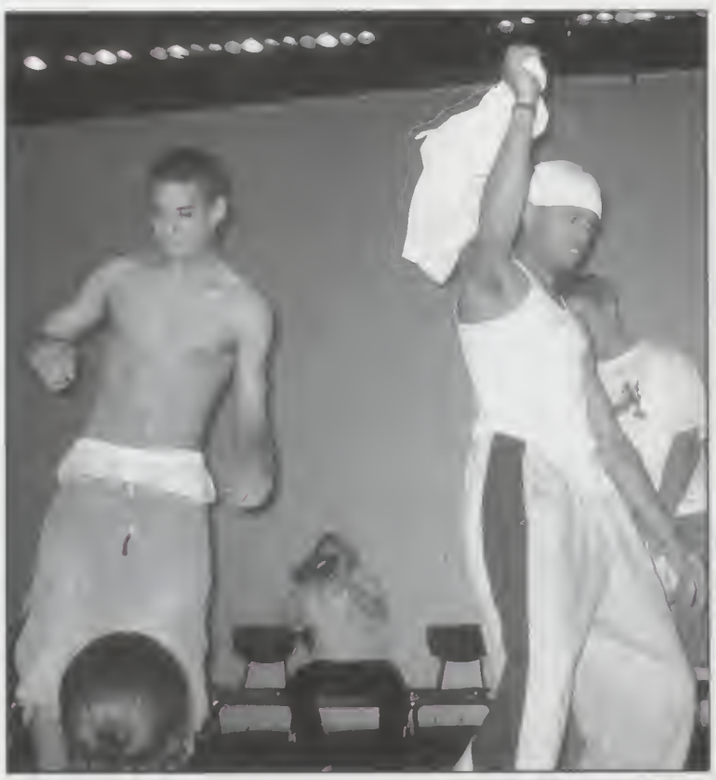
Anna Eaton, senior

"Riding the bull, even though i only stayed on for eight seconds."

Kiersten Cooley, senior

Ride it cowgirl. Senior **Caitlin Graham** holds her hips steady as she grips for life to stay on the mechanical bull. The rodeo was set up in the small gym along with an obstacle course, a golfing putter, and a gladiator battle station.

photo by Wanakee Carr



Take it off. Seniors **Alex Tice** and **Tres Glass** strip tease for the audience as a result of being hypnotized into male exotic dancers. They danced and rolled around for what they thought were 100 dollar bills but in all actuality were paper napkins that were handed out to the crowd.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Fakin' the video. Seniors **Keiana Kennedy, Shalon Smith, Kameron Williams**, and **Robert Scott** re-enact R. Kelly's *Jeep* video. Seniors were up all night recreating videos until the workshop closed around 3:30 a.m.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Pick a card. Seniors **W.D. Scherle** and **Brandon Havel** stop in the cafeteria for a quick game of 21. With unlimited chips to spend, the prizes overflowed in abundance. From candy to CD's and telephones, no one was left unsatisfied.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Reigning victorious. Senior **Anne Lingwall** proudly struts her stuff after her victory over **Anna Gajdel** in the gladiator ring of death. Two opponents went head to head on a giant inflatable wrestling ring in the small gym.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Rest & relaxation. Senior **Brad Mackie** enjoys a professional massage at the relaxation corner. After swimming in the pool enjoying the screening of *"Castaway,"* the four massage chairs were the number one place to go.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Hello hello? Senior **Claire Wood** stops to make a call in the *Matrix* hallway. Each hallway was decorated into a movie theme and the auditorium was the Emerald City from *"The Wizard of Oz."*

photo by Sarah Hunter

To help offer a unique self perspective, **Sam Chiodo's** AP drawing students let their true colors shine through the vivid colors of their monochromatic self portraits contrasted with the reality of actual photographs. Each student was able to exhibit their perception of their own personalities through the expressions on their faces. "The hardest part was drawing the face," junior **Rebecca Gernes** said. "It's not my favorite self portrait. It looks more like my mom than me but I was still happy with the results when I was finished," she said.

Scandals, rumors, and pranks oh my. The people section was the most popular tool for scouting that new boyfriend or girlfriend. The pictures were a reminder of best pals and worst enemies, of how friendships were formed and broken. We welcomed new teachers and students, only to lose others in January to early graduation and other commitments.

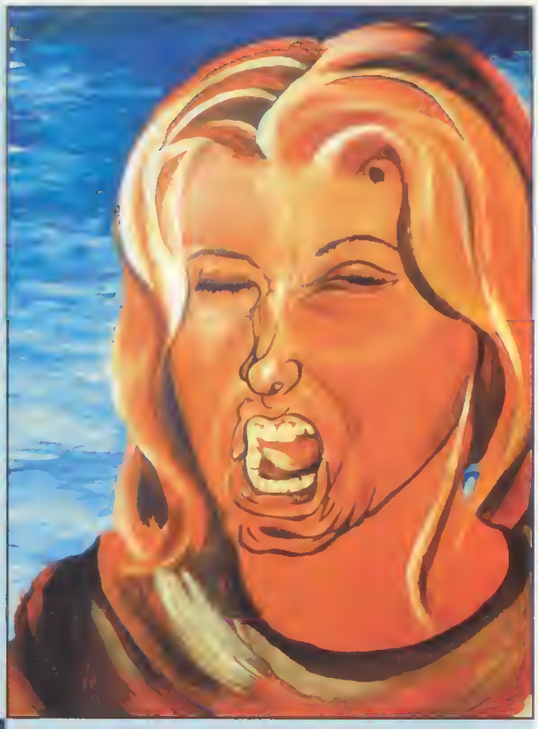
Junior **Felicia Cortez** recalled the most important thing she learned in her adult learning and parenting classes. "You can't always go to mommy and daddy when you want to," she said, "and never have kids when you're young."

Remember that teacher that laughed along with the class and knew everything about everyone's business? Economics teacher **Jeff Westendorf** battled throat cancer, while hall monitor **Becky Starmer** left mid-year for a different job. Social studies teacher **Bill Kaemmer** called his cross country team together to say good-bye to move to Portland, Oregon. **Hannah Keeling** took over the show choir from beloved choir director Mary Ann Sims. Marriage caused a mid-year name change for foreign language teacher **Lisa Schloessler** from **Scanlan**. Some students got to know new dean of students **Dawn Pilon** a little

Sophomores experienced a wider range of freedom and course options. "I don't have a seventh period. It's pretty tight. I was waiting for it last year and had it all planned out," sophomore **Ben Seiberling** said. And who could forget the freedom that came from getting behind the wheel. "I'm glad I have my car now. I don't have to be like a loser freshman walking," Seiberling said.

Freshman **Duit Diew** entered high school not knowing what to expect. "Most freshman, when they come here they like to play around and stuff," Diew said.

self portrait by junior Brad Clayton



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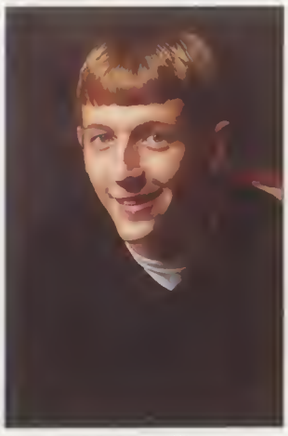
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Rachel Davis

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Charlotte Duoblys

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Anna Eaton

Enes Elezovic

Sarah Escovedo

James Faber

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Joseph Frederick

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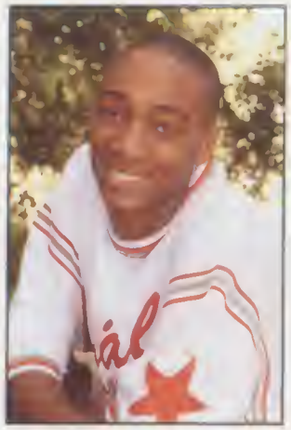
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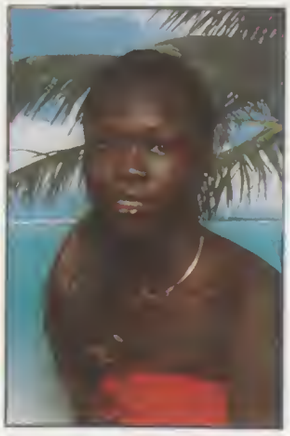
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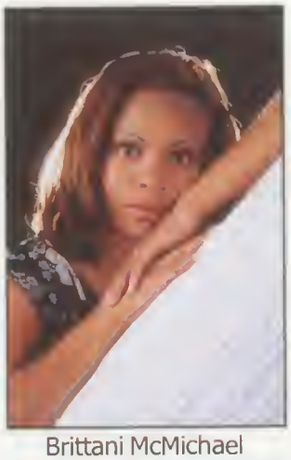
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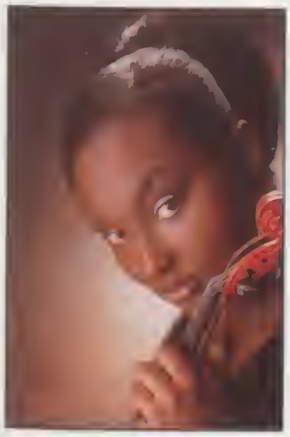
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Claire Wood

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Davida Woods

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Jessica Wright

Aaron Wubben

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Reading time. Senior **Katie McGuire** participates in Every Rider Reads. Every student was required to bring a book or any kind of reading material to class.

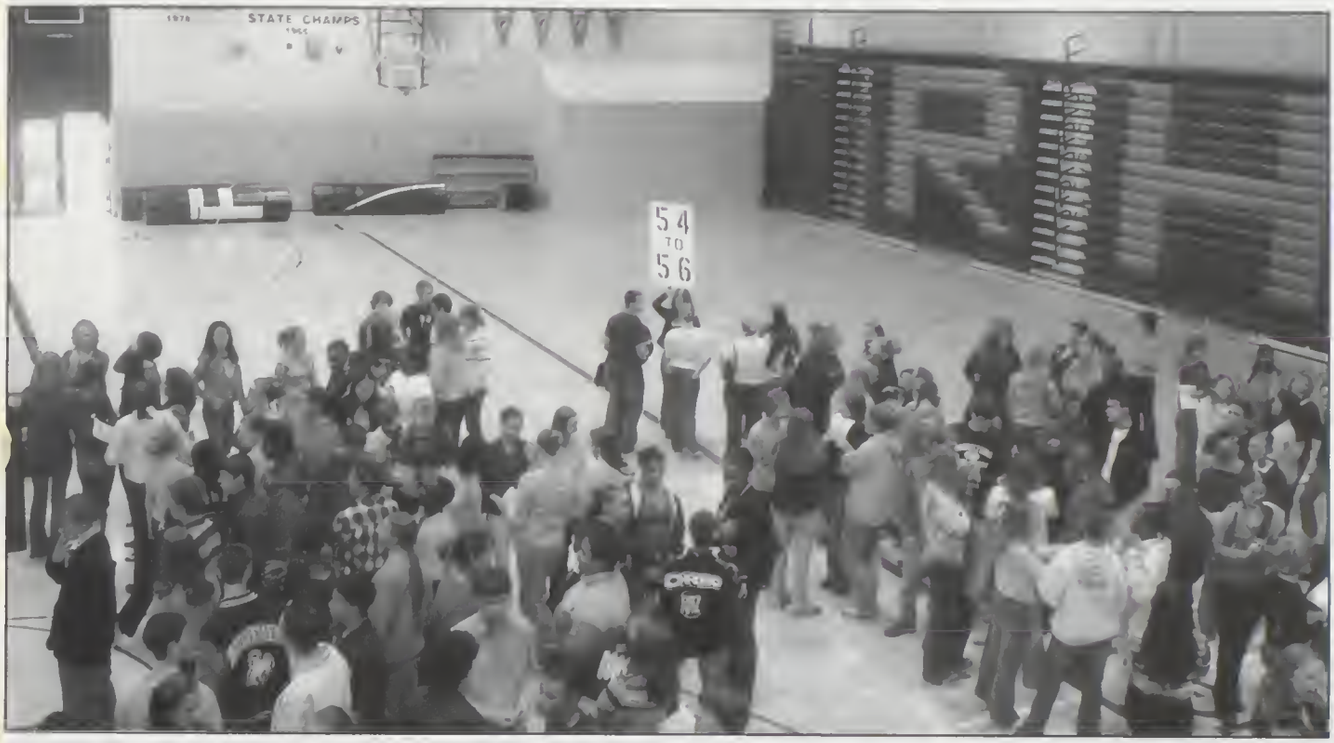
photo by Keshia Palmer

Run, run. During a cold and snowy January day seniors **Billy Jewett** and **Tamarrah Brown** run to their car.

photo by Suzie Cownie

Ancient Greece? During homecoming week **Dave Mahler's** 4th period A.P. government class showed their school spirit.

photo by Sarah Hunter



Coming closer to the end. The day the senior class picture was being taken, the seniors lined up by height. The class picture was a reminder that first semester was almost over.

photo by Hanna Albaugh

Waiting for mom. Senior **Dontrez Parrish** calls his mom for a ride during a big snow storm in January. Seniors **Thomas Baker** and **Collin Eboh** waited inside as well.

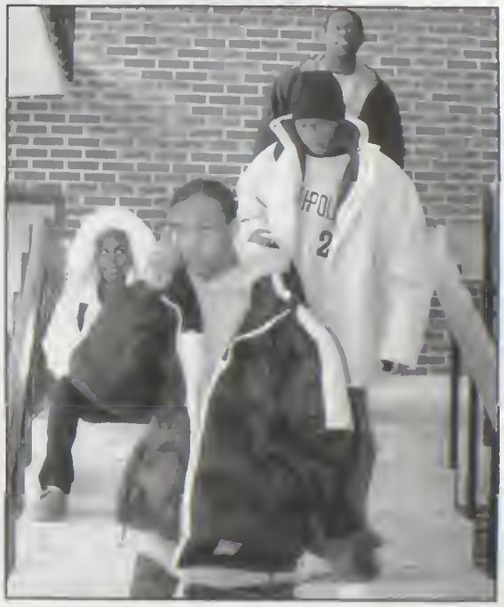
photo by Suzie Cownie

Ridin his unicorn. During A.P. government class senior **W.D. Scherle** rides his magical unicorn down the hallway. "I don't know, I was just feeling it," Scherle said.

photo by Sarah Hunter

Yikes. In **Marc Ayers** Biology II class seniors **Jodi Birkey** and **Ann Lingwall** disect a frog. "My frog kicked me so I screamed," Birkey said.

photo by Wanakee Carr



Entertainment exhausts funds

On an average Friday for junior **Porsha Wilson** money went quick. On a game day she spent close to 57 dollars. At the end of the week Wilson ventured out for lunch and enjoyed a couple of slices of pizza and a Mountain Dew from Godfathers that averaged around $5.

After school Wilson went to pick up her pay check from Pancra Bread in West Des Moines. From there, Valley West Mall was right down the street. She stopped by to pick up a shirt on sale for $19.99. She had put it on hold from her favorite Tommy section at Younkers.

After resting a while at home to recuperate from the day's events, she headed back to school for the varsity basketball game. On the way she noticed her gas tank was completely on empty, so she stopped to fill it up. With the soaring gas prices, her bill stopped at $17. After hunting down a parking spot, Wilson paid her 5 dollars to get into the game. During half-time she spent $1.50 at the concession stand for a Pepsi.

Shopaholic. Junior **Porsha Wilson** finds new things to spend her money on. Bath & Bodyworks had a gift bag special that she couldn't resist.

all photos by Natalie Lawrence

After the game, Wilson joined her friends at Perkins for a late dinner. There she enjoyed a chicken finger basket and a raspberry ice tea that totaled $8.50. As the night came to a close, this big spender headed home almost spending half of her paycheck.

"The whole reason for me working is to be able spend money whenever I want, so I don't get upset that my bank account hardly moves," Wilson said.

Natalie Lawrence

Drip drop. Junior **Latara Stevenson** stops to fill her tank before making the journey home. In a year she spent almost $500 on gas alone.

What is the most exspensive thing you have ever purchased?

"A necklace that was $150. It was a gold chain with a cross."
Darshan Nobles, junior

"My computer for $250 and my cell phone for $200. They were both pretty expensive."
Steve Cullen, junior

"I bought my mom a dress for $200. She was a bridesmaid and she couldn't decide which dress to get and I wanted to leave the store."
Nermin Imsirovic, junior

"A car that was $400. I saved my money because I really needed to get around."
Valerie Edwards, junior

"I bought a watch for my boyfriend. It was $120 for his christmas present."
Bianca Bogardus, junior

"A car that was $15,000. I worked at Des Moines Golf and Country Club for 2.5 years."
Almir Didic, junior

"The subs in my car were $850. I worked at Willow Creek Golf Course for the summer to pay for them."
Nick Frey, junior

"My homecoming out for ninth grade was $350. It was a Karl Kani jacket and skirt set."
Amber Olson, junior

What do you spend the most money on?

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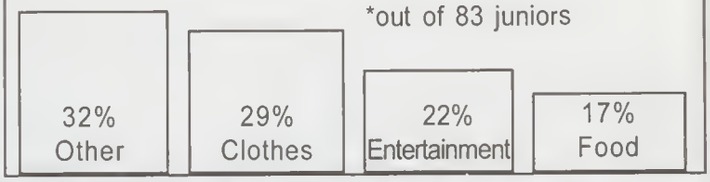

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Kathryn Bartlett
Jessica Bastian
Samantha Beebout

Brian Bell
Ebone Bell
Jamilia Bell
Natasha Bell
Indira Blazevic
Adam Bliss
Bianca Bogardus
Latesha Bolden
Lasara Boles

Rip off. Junior **Markisha Holland** spends $1.50 on a Sprite. When seated at the sophomore basketball game, Holland decided to take a break from all the excitement.

Krazy tasty. Juniors **Emily Burney** and **Kelsey Wheeler** enjoy brown bags for lunch. They took their lunches to save money, and they always got what they liked. On average, they saved about $10-15 a week.

Charge it. Junior **Russell Jackson** carefully analyzes a bike at Boulvards Sports. Jackson spent close to $200 on his previous bike that broke over the summer.

Speed racer. Junior **Randy Gonzales** races to get through the line and pay for his nachos. He finished with minutes remaining before class.

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Jonathan Devan
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George Dinkov
Howell Dixon
Cui Bin Dong

Sean Donovan
Molly Dougherty
Melody Douglas
David Drustrup
Paige Duncan
Timothy Dunlap
Alex Edge
Perry Erickson
Casey Evans

Erin Evans
Bridget Fagan
Timothy Fairfield
April Fees
Ann Feldman
Timothy Fessler
Haris Fetic
Brett Fitzgerald
Lisa Fitzpatrick

Jonathon Fong
Tyler Fort
Charles Frederici
Nicolas Frey
Cody Fritz
Jake Fuller
Gheri Galbreath
Nathan Garcia
Julia Garrison

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Rebekah Garrison
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Frank Hansman
Sara Hantsbarger

Mary Harding
Brandon Harney
Terry Haus
Patrice Hawkins
Joshua Hayes
Kaile Haynes
Sarah Helt
Adrian Henderson
Zaira Hernandez

Juniors express themselves

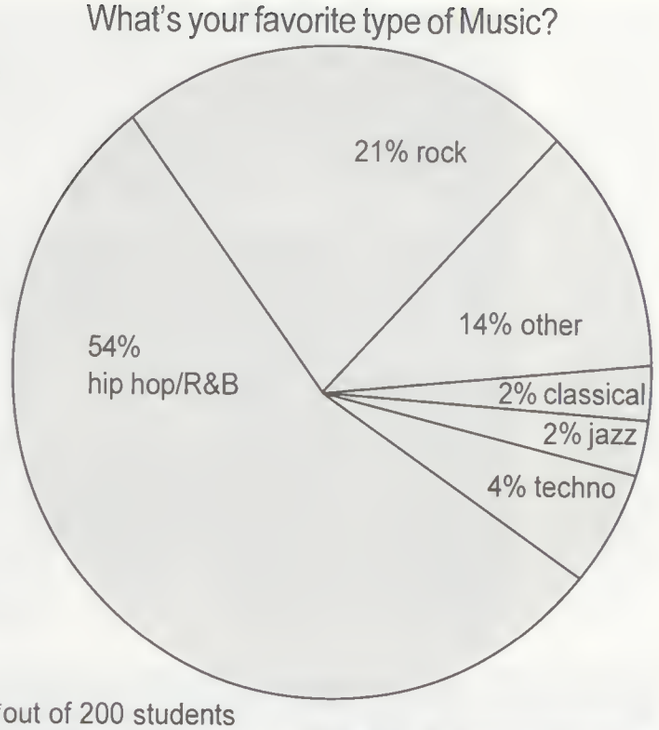
Adrenaline rushing, fans cheering, and nervousness, that was how it felt to be in front of a crowd performing. Being in front of a crowd could also be a big embarrassment, and that's exactly what it was for junior **Larry Moore.** "The worst memory was when I sang the *Star Spangled Banner* in front of a lot of people and my voice cracked," Moore said. But that did not stop his passion for music and singing.

Music was one way that people expressed themselves. Junior **Morgan Douglas** expressed himself through the turntable. Douglas spun, scratched, and did dance mixes for parties. "I have not done it for money yet, but I hope someday to spin in clubs," Douglas said.

Unlike Douglas, junior **Jasmin McNear's** passion for music came from being raised with lots of music. She was inspired by gospel music and her favorite artist was C.C Winans "I like C.C Winans because her voice has a lot of range and she doesn't show off," McNear said.

Junior **George McCuthen** also enjoyed gospel music, and his favorite instrument was the drums. "I play because it is my ministry. I am called to play," McCuthen said. His favorite gospel singers were Marvin Sapp and the Canton Spirituals because they sent good spiritual messages and the beats to their music was something that he could relate to.

Keshia Palmer



*out of 200 students

Not enough time. After playing the piano for ten years, junior **Michael Brown** decided to take a break. "I had too much stuff going on and now I just do cording instead of classical music," Brown said.

photo by Keshia Palmer

The beat. Junior **George McCuthen** has been playing the drums for 14 years. "My favorite songs to play are 'Victory' by Jerel Gray and 'Take Over" by Percy Gray," McCuthen said.

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Bridget Hill
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Latosha Hudson
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Nermin Imsirovic
Tegan Isleman

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Christine Jansen
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Jaala Johnson
Lakesha Johnson
Latoyes Johnson
William Johnson

Mallory Jones
Tanisha Jones
Troy Jones II
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Caleb Kebede
Rebecca Kehm
Kristen Kennedy
Charity Kephart
Ryan Kiesling

Frank Kouri
Jay Kozel
Emily Kreamer
Natalie Krekel
Juan Lara
Alexander Larsen
Aaron Lauda
Denise Ledesma
Alexandra Lifka-Reselman

Jeffrey Loeb
Grant Logan
Lovell Logan
Ryan Lomen
David Long
Ricardo Lozano
Bianca Lucht
Latoya Malfero
Yar Maniel Dut

Big Mouth. Junior **Ebone Bell** laughs at a joke that her friend told her. "My laugh is the hottest laugh on the streets," Bell said.
photo by Keshia Palmer

Laughter generates smiles

"Yo mama so stupid she asked me what kind of jeans I was wearing and i said Guess and she said Levis!" That was a joke that someone told junior **Edward Shannon** at lunch.

Everyone had funny stories that happened during their junior year. "My friend and I went trick and treating this year. I was dressed up like a big red crayon," junior **Sarah Boyce** said. "When we were getting candy they kept asking us if we were drinking (which we weren't)," she said.

Shannon remembered why everyone called him Miz. "My auntie gave me my nickname. She said I was always looking sad and miserable, so she just shortened it up to Miz," he said.

Other students did funny stunts to make a day fun. "Me and my friends were on our way to Southridge. I seen some swim googles on the seat and I put them on and started making faces out the window at everyone," junior **John Spinks** said." Junior **Megan McAfee** was driving the car while Spinks showed off his new look and almost crashed she was laughing so hard.

A lot of juniors said that they had done stupid things this year. "I was going to lunch with my friends and we were going to McDonalds I tried to park and parked right in some ice," junior **Bianca Lucht** said. "I was trying to get out for about six minutes."

You would think that it was kind of bad when a fast food resturant thinks that you were elementary kids. "My friends and I went to Wendy's and they thought we were little kids from elementary school and when we went to get our food they gave us each like handfuls of tootsie rolls," McAfee said.

No matter where they went or who they were with, juniors were able to look beyond the negativity in the world and find happiness in similing and laughing.

Brittnay Jewett

Question and Answer with junior **Matt Shepard**

Q: What was your most embarassing moment?
A: I was making fun of my friend's grandpa and then his mom told me while I was making the joke that his grandpa was dead.
Q: What makes you laugh?
A: Jokes, and seeing people make themselves look stupid.
Q: What is the weirdest thing you have seen this year?
A: A hole in the side of Roosevelt.
Q: What is the funniest or stupidiest thing you have done this year?
A: I was playing football and I decided to run instead of putt the ball and got tackled about one yard before the 20. Coach told me that's how coaches get fired.
Q: What makes you crack jokes?
A: It's kind of the spur of the moment thing.

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Megan McAfee
James McClaskey
Haley McCloskey
Amanda McClure
Christopher McCoy
George McCutchen

Marty McDanel
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Jasmin McNear
Nicole Melson
Matthew Metz
Levi Miller
Phillip Miller
Rayshawn Miller
Benjamin Miller-Todd

Bryan Milner
Latara Mitchell
Chad Mittag
Daniel Moklestad
David Moll
Ashly Moore
Larry Moore
Jessica Morris
Anthony Mosby

Shake it. Junior **Mary Harding** smiles while doing a move when practicing for show chior. Usually you could hear Harding singing in the halls during the passing period.

photo by Keshia Palmer

Laugh it up. Junior **Melody Douglas** and senior **Rachel Ratashak** laugh at the Newton basketball game. Usually Ratashak and Douglas were togther whenever they were out of the house.

photo by Keshia Palmer

Gold baby. Junior **Tino Daye** shows off his gold teeth at a basketball game. "I smile big so everyone can see my teeth," Daye said. It cost $400 to have six teeth done.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Juniors go out after hours

It was 8 p.m. Friday night. Finally, after a full week of *hard* and *stressful* work at school, the weekend had come. You had to deeide where you're going to spend your night, who you'd spend it with and what fun you'd get into without having to worry about getting up so early in the morning.

Whether it was the movies, going out to eat, or just chillin at a friend's house there were plenty of options to choose from when going out on the weekends. "My late nights are spent wherever the party's at,"junior **Ryan Lomen** said. He and junior **Tyler Rokey** spent most of their nights rollin' around with friends in his car that he decided to call the "G-ride." And as for his eurfew, Lomen usually strolled in the house around 2 a.m. since he didn't have one.

For many students, the weekends were all about getting out of the house and being with friends. The worst weekends for junior **Afton Polk** were when she stayed in the house. "I try to get out as much as possible," Polk said, who spent most of her weekends out to dinner and the movies. Her best night out this year was winter formal. "I had a fun date," she said, whose date was junior, **George McCutchen**. It was also a late night for Polk and McCutchen who went out to eat after the dance.

"Goin out when you can, being with your friends and having fun is what weekends are for," junior **Randee Taylor** said. And for those who enjoyed being out late on the weekends, Lomen thought up a new idea. "They should move ehureh back a couple hours so that people who stay out late on Saturday nights can get up and repent from nights before," he said.

Tanisha Jones

Laughin hard. Juniors **Randee Taylor** and **Gheri Galbreath** laugh after sitting through the creditsof Barbershop II. "We always memorize the funny parts of the movie," Taylor said.

Roll out. Juniors **Ryan Lomen** and **Tyler Rokey** get into the "G-ride" after a basketball game. "We usually just ride around all night until we find something to get into," Lomen said.

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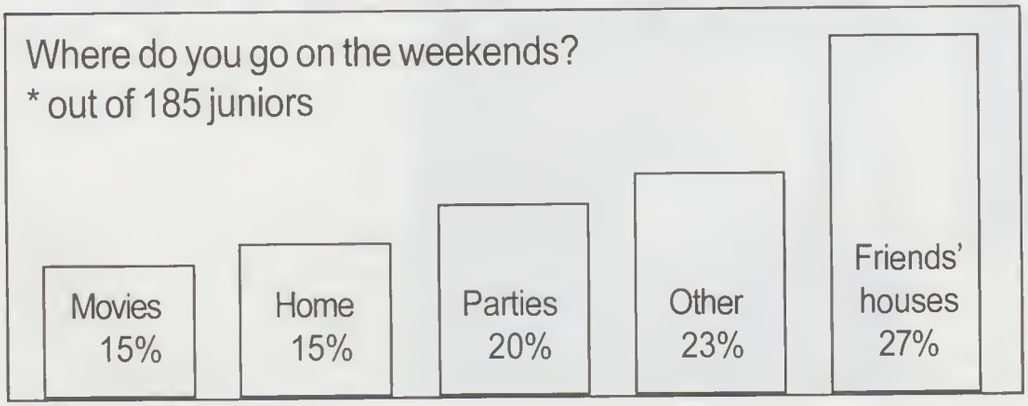

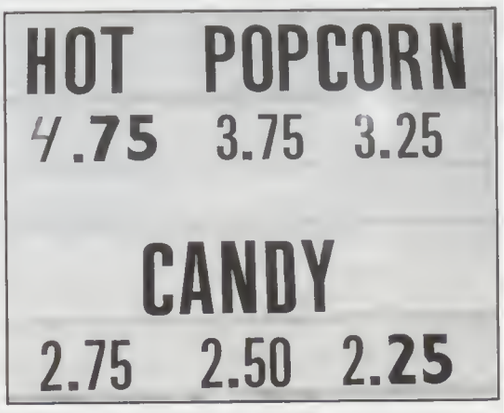

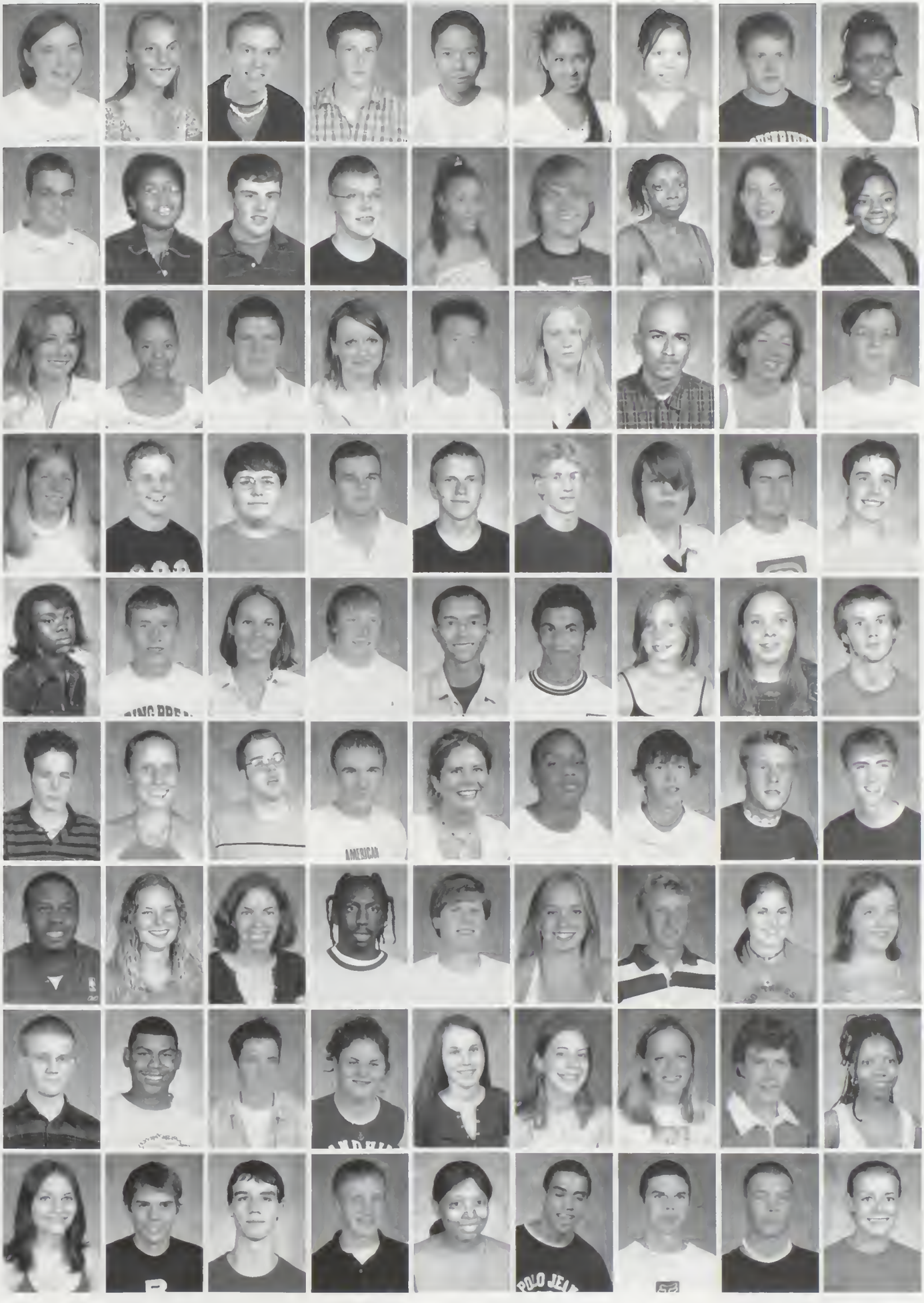

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Moments at a glance

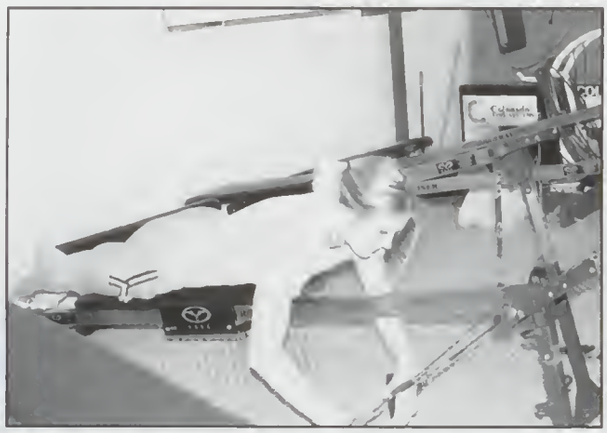
Crazy and memorable moments happened all the time, and the junior class had quite a few of them. Things that happened ranged from seeing chicken heads get cut off to having panic attacks over car keys.

"There was this one time, when I first moved here from Chicago, me and a couple of people were hanging out in this field and we saw this chicken getting its head cut off, it was freaking freaky," junior **Terez Jones** said. Jones said that in the time that he had spent here, many exciting things had happened to him. But the moment he saw the chicken start to run around headless, would be the one thing that would forever remain in his memory.

Sometimes junior **Sara Alverez** would leave her car keys on her front left car tire if she didn't want to have to carry them around with her. Once, when she was at IBC for lunch, she returned to her car and was unable to find her keys. When she asked her friend if she had moved them and received a 'no' for an answer she started to panic, knowing that she had to be back at school soon for her English class. After searching around the tire and on the others, in case it had fallen or she had placed it in a different spot, she realized that she had left them in the ignition of her car. Looking back at the experience she laughed about it thinking that she must have been in such a hurry that she accidentally left them there. "I'm really glad that no one stole my car! I don't know what I would have done, I guess that we would have had to hitch-hike with any crazy person who would have driven us back to school," she said.

Even though most memorable moments were good ones, there were some that weren't. "The most memorable moment I have is when my car broke down, I'm still trying to block that one out," junior **April Fees** said.

Hanna Albaugh



Pull. Junior **Jackie Hilmes** works out on a vasa trainer by the pool during Wednesday Madness. The un-official club was created by Hilmes and senior **Suzie Cownie** so they could stay in shape after the swim season had ended.
photo by Sarah Hunter

Aldijana Topalovic
Ilieu Tran
Ngan Tran
Steven Troge
Kiel Uhl
Kory Uhl
Emily Varn
Anna Vining
Tyron Vivian

Ashley Walker
Kavaughna Walker
Larry Walker
Shannon Walker
Stephanie Walz
Douglas Wells
Alexander Welsh
Jonathan West
Robert West

Kelsey Wheeler
Meagan Whetstone
Caren White
Cassidy White
Meggen Whiteley
John Wieland
Blair Williams
Katie Williams
Samantha Williams

I can't believe it. Juniors **Betsy Rosenblatt** and **Phil Miller** showtheir disbelief in a calll made during the varisty boys basketball game against Ottumwa. Unfortunately the boys ended up losing the game.

photo by Josh Adcock

Hurry Up. Bracing the bitter cold of a January snowfall junior **Britin Robinson** helps senior **Mikey Williams** load set pieces into drama teacher **Lori Glawe's** van for the district IHSSA competition. Fourteen of the eighteen entires at the competion got Division 1 ratings.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Free Time. Juniors **Jamica Greene** and **Aldijana Hotic** enjoy themselves during the third hour gym class. The class was relaxed. "The only thing that I have to do is come to gym class, and I like that because I can catch up on my homework," Hotic said

photo by Julia Wilson

What's your most memorable moment from your junior year?

"Jumping out of a car at 1a.m and running down the street next to it. I actually kept up with it for a whole block with the car going 10mph. Then we turned a corner and had to jump in as the car started to go down a hill."

Christine Jansen, junior

"The production of 'The Wake' because it bonded all three years together, and it made me realize how much I am gonna miss the senior class."

Sarah Helt, junior

"Seeing the haz mat team at Roosevelt cleaning up the chemicals and seeing a Dowling kid being thrown into a trash can at the Buffalo Club rally by Matt Shepard."

Patrick Younk, junior

Brittany Williamson
Steven Willis
Domonic Wilson
Justin Wilson
Porsha Wilson
Sarah Wine
Amberle Winterscheid
Melanie Wise
Demetria Witt

Carter Woodruff
Carlotta Woods
Joshua Woolheater
Erin Woolwine
Olga Yorsh
Cynthia Young
Jennifer Young
Patrick Younk
Patrick Zisko

Tell me about it. Sophomores **David Bartine** and **Andy Krekel** discuss Hawkeye football. Hawkeye football was a main topic in conversations during the season for the two of them.

photo by Kelsey Wheeler

Fumble. Sophomore **Mark Konecny-Green** fiddles around with a football in the hall. Green still couldn't believe that Iowa lost the Iowa-Iowa State basketball game.

photo by Kelsey Wheeler

The Winning team in football the last 5 years

9/11/99	9/16/00	11/24/01	9/14/02	9/13/03
Iowa-10	Iowa-14	Iowa-14	Iowa-31	Iowa-**40**
ISU-**17**	ISU-**24**	ISU-**17**	ISU-**36**	ISU-21

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Salpha Akuar
Anela Alagic
Timothy Alberts
Hannah Alder
Senada Alibasic
Robert Allen
Nathan Alvarez
Anjelina Amiethkongroar

Erin Anderson
Eric Andrews
Danielle Argumedo
Crystal Arthur
Megan Ashley
Alen Atajic
Ime Augustine-Akpan
Kevin Bailey
Alexis Baker

Dillon Baker
Brianna Baldi
Maxwell Baldwin
Sydney Bardole
Geoffrey Barnes
David Bartine
Warren Batiste
Anastaysa Bawn
Mirela Begic

Cyara Bell
Mikesha Bell
Misty Bell
Peter Benck
Samuel Benson
Alexandra Black
Benjamin Body
Brady Bogue
Christopher Bonnett

What floats your boat

Toss me the ball. Sophomore **Dominque Trumbo** plays catch with a friend. Trumbo was still excited that Iowa State won the basketball game *photo by Kelsey Wheeler*

What am I doing ? Sophomore **Hanna Henson** studies during her 3rd period Biology class. Henson had been an Iowa State fan for over 8 years. *photo by Kelsey Wheeler*

There were two teams in Iowa that people couldn't wait to see compete head to head in football and basketball. Who were they? The Iowa Hawkeyes and Iowa State Cyclones of course, who else.

The teams were full of players who were extremely talented, some in football and some in basketball. Some students found one sport more interesting then the other. "I enjoy basketball," sophomore **Jessie Myers** said, "it's more interesting than football and there isn't a stupid yellow flag going up every six seconds."

Some students admired some of the Iowa or Iowa State players for their talent in whatever sport they played. "Football, basketball," sophomore **Annie Myers** said. "Oh football, that's the one with the round ball, right?" The Myers sisters were both Iowa fans even though Jessie had been a fan for a lot longer than Annie. Other students, mainly the female crowd, liked watching Iowa and Iowa State football because they liked watching cute guys in tight pants. Even though sophomore **Megan Lindell** was usually a Nebraska fan she tended to watch Iowa State so she could watch Lane Danielsen run around in his football pants.

Most students were fans becasue of their familys' taste. Sophomore **Caroline Miller** was a Cyclone fan because of her father. Some of Miller's friends were Cyclone fans, so that's anothcr reason why she was a fan too. She enjoyed Cyclone basketball the most because "it's more fun to watch, it's easier to follow, and it's more intense," she said.

Kelsey Wheeler

The Winning team in basketball the last 5 years

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ISU-68	ISU-53	ISU-73	ISU-53	ISU-84
Iowa-80	Iowa-78	Iowa-69	Iowa-54	Iowa-76

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Mersad Bosnic
Sarah Boyce
Jonathan Bredbeck
Dwight Brown
Elizabeth Brown
Kimleng Brown
Susanne Brumfield
Harmon Buchanan

Blake Burgess
Tiffany Burgess
Robert Burns
London Butts
Tiffany Canady
Sterling Cannaday
Ramsey Carey
Racheal Carr
Lucas Carson

Daniel Cavanaugh
Anthony Chance
Paul Child
Elyse Claiborne
Glenn Clark
Quinnetta Claytor
Margaret Conley
Grace Connolly
Elle Conyers

Elizabeth Cooney
Jena Cooper
Angelica Corbin
Clayton Craiger
Sarah Cramer
Frederick Crawford
Lynsie Crawford
Jordan Croft
Mirella Cruz

Emily Cumbie-Drake
Stephanie Darus
Azur Dautcehajic
Max Davis
Patrick Davison
Ronald Day
Mollie Deremiah
El Tahriz Dhokpour
Joseph Dickinson

Jessica Dinges
Jessica Dodge
William Dodge
Morgen Douglas
Sandra Dujic
Ian Dunbar
Laura Duque
Elma Duratovic
Semir Duric

Joshua Edwards
Justina Edwards
Valerie Edwards
Amanda Eikenberry
Sara Eimers
Semir Elezovic
Jason Enos
Charles Ethington
Fionna Fallon

Andrea Fitzgerald
Stephanie Fleckenstein
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Marcus Ford
Latoyshia Foster
Keeley Frahm-Lowe
Cass Franklin III
Mindy Freeman
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Morgan Haas
Safiya Habib
Jacob Hade
Antonio Hall
John Hall
Anna Hamilton
Bryant Haney
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Jaleesa Hardin

Sonya Harris
Sarah Hartline
Casey Hayes
Nicholas Hegre
Sara Heilman
Damien Helfer
Rhiannon Helfer
Darren Helm
Hanna Henson

Andrea Herrick
Alec Heuss
Joe Hike
Aaris Hiscox
Anthony Hobbs
Ashley Hoch
Zachary Hodges
Jeremy Hodson
Hannah Honsey

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Religion amongst us

Try to imagine walking through the halls everyday forced to wear something you didn't want to wear. For most students, it never happend, especially if that something would have distinguished you as being different than your friends and classmates. But step out of reality for five minutes and imagine you had to. How did you think you would have felt? How did you think people would have treated you?

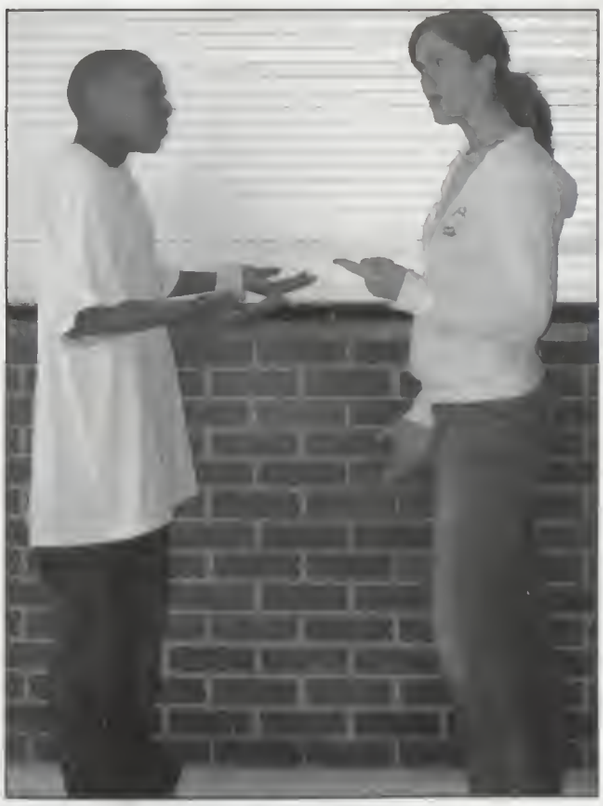
As you stepped out of your reality, you stepped into someone else's. It's an everyday thing for sophomore **Assia Moussaddak** to be "different" than the rest of the sophomores. Moussaddak had worn a scarf covering her hair and a skirt almost reaching the floor since the sixth grade. "I have to wear it because I'm Muslim, and because I'm a girl,"she said. Moussaddak's opinion of her religion showed as she shared her beliefs. "My religion is really sexist," she said.

Sophomore **Ben Pappenheimer** was also one of the students who was used to being "different." Since about the seventh grade Pappenheimer had been known as the "Jew" to friends and just about everyone else at school. Pappenheimer said it didn't really bother him when friends called him that, but when acquaintances and people who didn't know him very well did, he actually took offense to it. But what people didn't know was that Pappenheimer no longer practiced the Jewish religion. He didn't agree with the religion and quit going to services about three years ago. "I went when I was little because my parents made me, now that I don't have to I don't go," he said.

Junior **Marrissa Flores** had a different perspective on the subject of religion. She felt that religion was a valuable part of life. Coming from a Catholic school her whole life, she didn't have any problem with it. "I guess if you went to public shcool your whole life it'd be kinda hard to get used to, but since I've never been in public school before now, it's not a problem for me," she said.

Whether you went to church or not the, ever apparent diversity between religions was amongst us.

Erica Wolcott



Don't argue with me. During gym sophomores **Kurtis Hall** and **Josey Strathe** argue on the subject of baptizing, a different practice in every religion. When the conversation heated up Strathe eventually told Hall to shut up.

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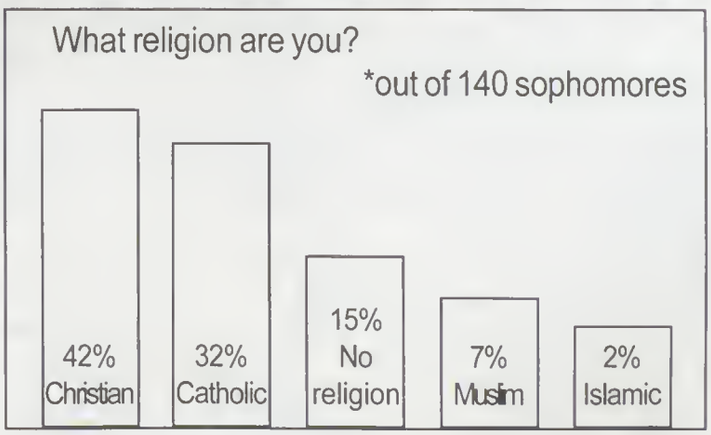
Clashing values. Sophomore **Lindsay Utter** shows off her cross which she wore every day. The religous symbol sharply contrasted the content of her t-shirt.

Non-conformity. During art class sophomore **Charles Free** works on his own art after finishing his assignment. His personal art work consisted of anti-christ messages.



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Liesel Kayser

Matthew Kearney
Carly Kennedy
Lakesha Kennerly
Koriann Kent
Yawusa Kinda
Meghan Klinkenborg
Timothy Knecht
Addie Knight
Mawea Koat

Artists create masterpieces

To draw or not to draw that's the question. The truth was that people chose to draw, and those people were sophomores. Out of those sophomores there were two that especially liked to draw at home.

One of those people was sophomore **Misty Bell**. Bell's favorite type of art was painting. She did not like to finger-paint but she thought it was fun. Bell liked shading anything that's geometrically shaped. Her favorite artist was Bob Ross. She liked to draw because people saied that she's good at it. Her inspiration for drawing was her family members telling her that she was good.

Her best piece of art, in her opinion, was an etched drawing. It was a mansion with a little car, trees in the background, and the moon in the sky. Her worst piece, in her opinion, was her drawings of stick figures. Her favorite place to go look at art was school. "I like looking around at other people's art," Bell also liked going to the Art Center and her favorite picture there had rainbow colors.

Sophomore **Patrick Davison**'s favorite type of art was also painting. Davison liked to finger-paint and he thought it was very fun. He also liked to draw buildings. His favorite artist was Pablo Picasso. "It's my anti-drug," he said as well as being fun. His inspiration for drawing was college because he planned on going there someday.

His best piece of art, in his opinion, was a cylinder with a buffalo head. His worst piece of art, in his opinion, was the drawing he was working on. It was a cylinder, a ball, and a cone. His favorite place to go look at art was the Art Center of Des Moines.

Rebecca Hunnell

Inspirations galore. Sophomore **Harmon Buchanan** is inspired by his surroundings. Buchanan drew his inspiration from such sources as music, his senses, and his imagination to create these unique designs. "I thought that manipulating the senses to draw was different, but I liked the end result," he said.
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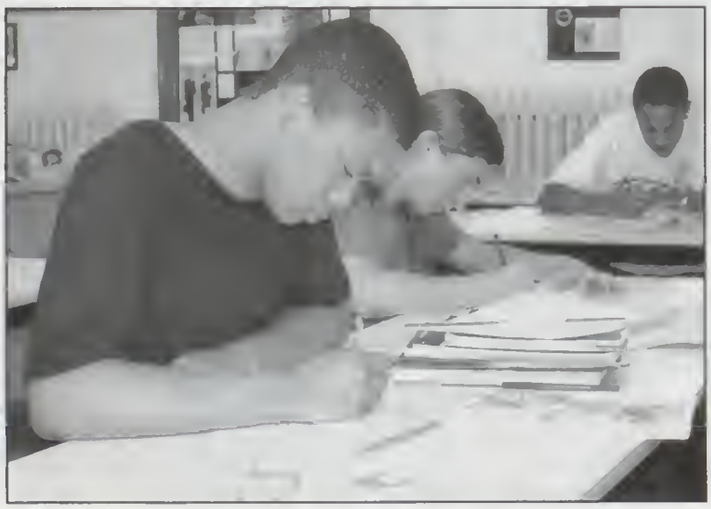
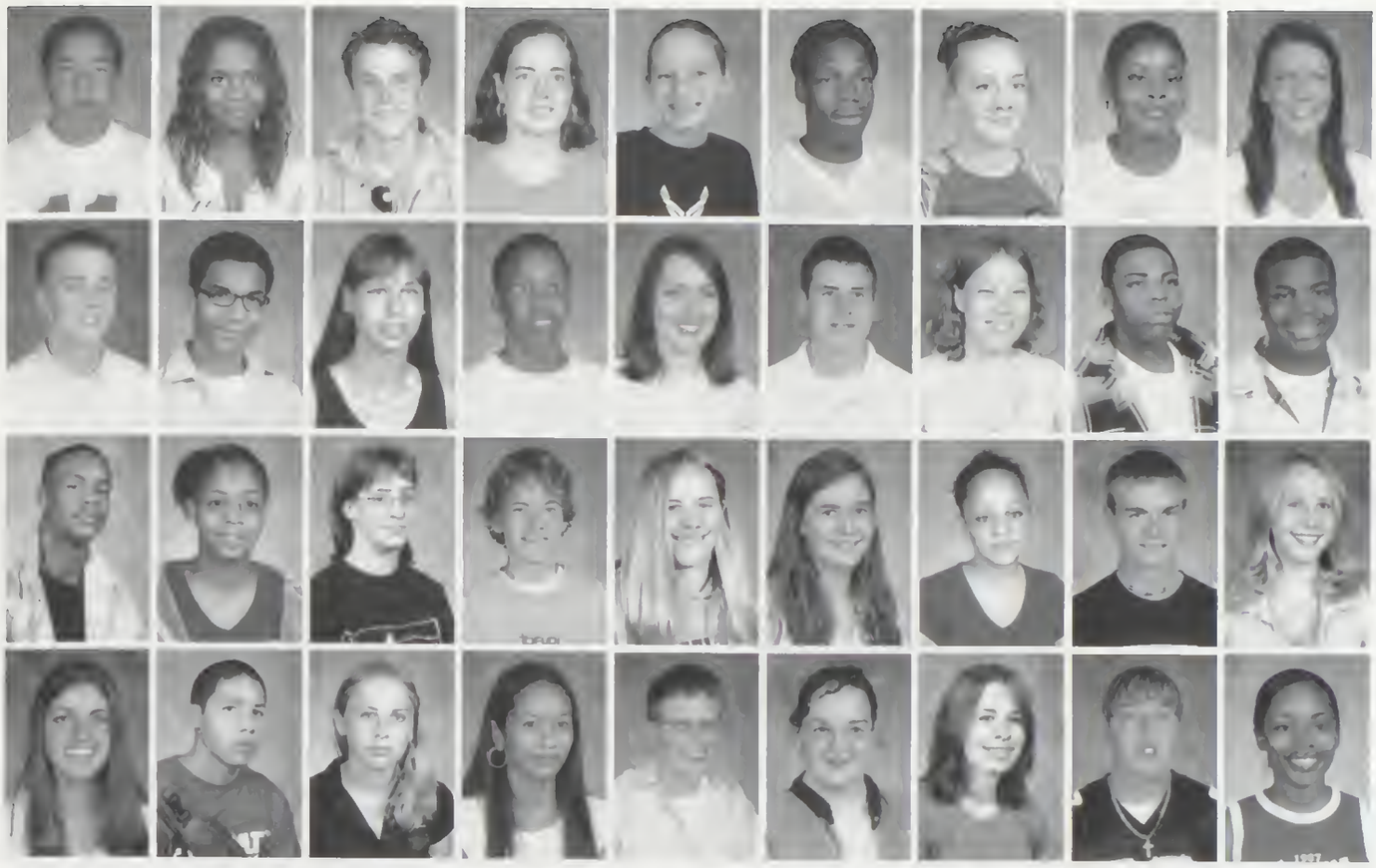


Question and Answer with sophomore **Angelica Corbin**

Q: Do you have any artistic inspiration, if you do, what is it?
A: Yes, Vincent Van Gogh.
Q: Q. When did you first realize that you were good at drawing?
A: Last year, that is when I really started getting into it.
Q: How did your parents encourage your talent?
A: They kept saying I should keep going, giving me compliments,and telling me that I am good at my artwork.
Q: What was the most important piece of art you have created?
A: The cover of the yearbook.



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Rose Mayo
Tonya Mays
Matthew McBroom
Amanda McCallister
Clair McClintock
Jared McConnell
Allison McDaniel

Paint me a pretty picture. Sophomore **Sarah Skidmore** works on creating different designs in Mr. Chiodo's sixth period art I drawing and painting class. Art was a huge part of Skidmore's life. She had been in art classes every semester her freshman and sophomore years and even worked at the Des Moines Art Center

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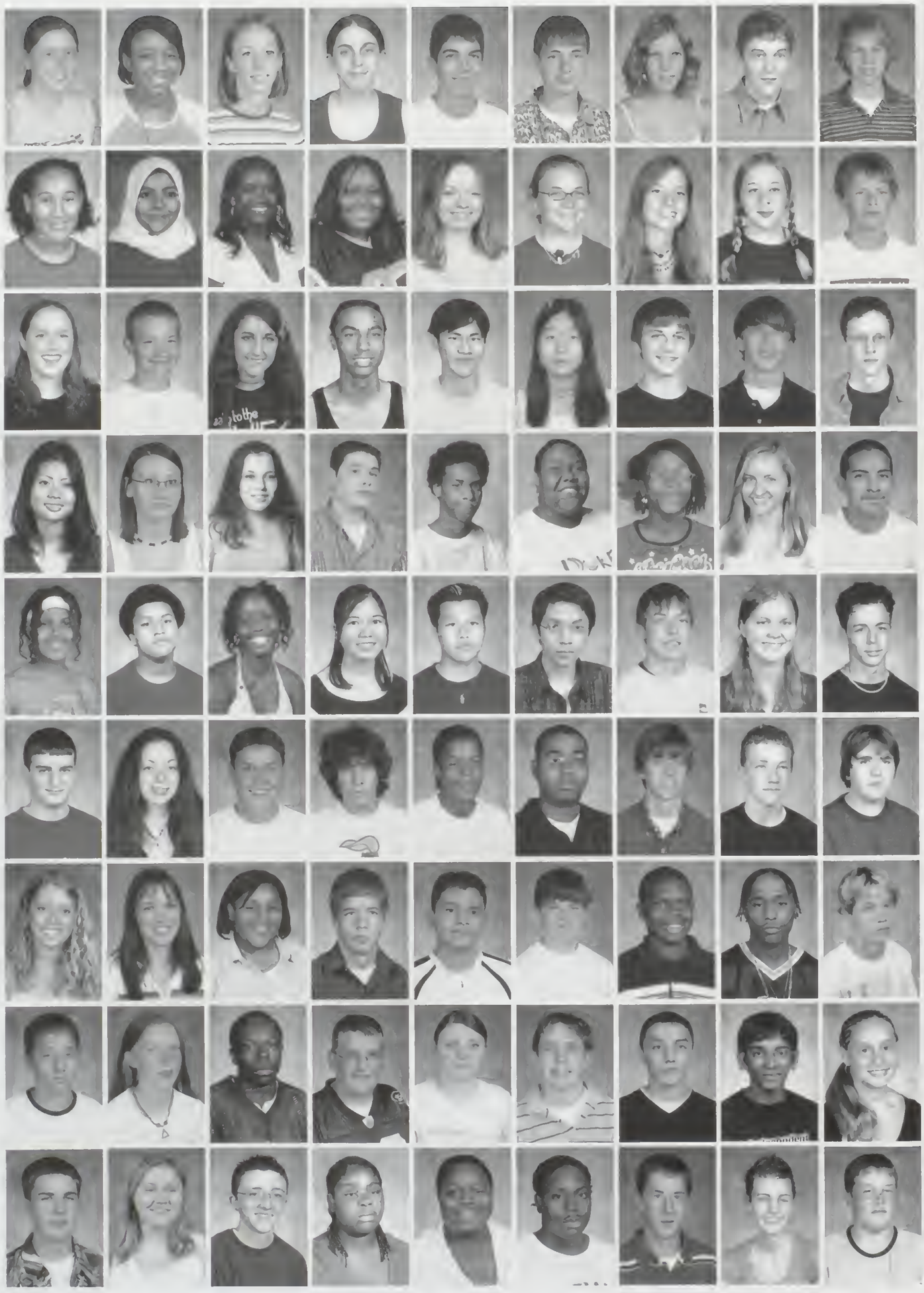
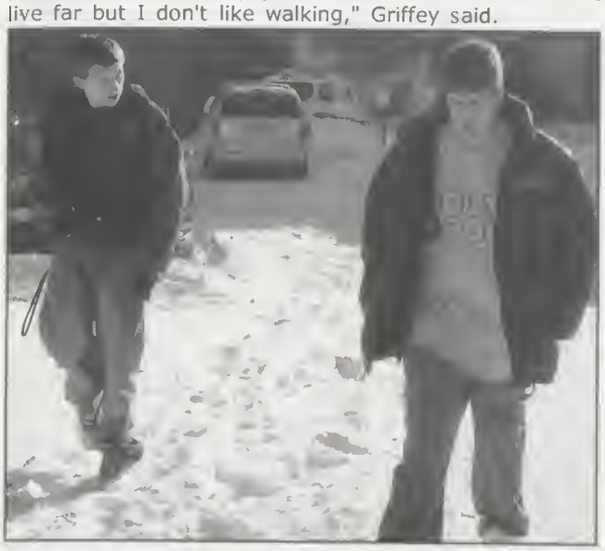


Ain't got no ride



Not made for walking. Freshman **Zach Dobson** and sophomore **Justin Griffey** treck through the snowy staff parking lot. "I usually get a ride after school. I don't live far but I don't like walking," Griffey said.

Sophomore **Jon Meyer** walked pretty much everywhere, he didn't turn sixteen until March. When it was too far for him to walk, Meyer rode his bike. Meyer enjoyed riding his bike but especially did not like having to ride it in the cold.

Some parents didn't like the idea of their kids driving with other teens because they didn't think it was safe. Meyer's parents had no problem with it. "They'd rather have me drive with a teenager than them having to take me," he said. He said he didn't ask for rides very often, but his parents didn't like having to drive him.

Number one on his list of places to go when he got a car was Shang Yuen, a Chinese restaurant to feed his addiction to their food. "I go as often as a have a ride, and money...yeah, so not very often. They have great food though," he said.

Sophomore, **Cynthia Smallwood** had similar problems. The worst thing about not driving was, "not being able to go where I want when I want," she said. She didn't turn sixteen until June.

Smallwood knew how to drive and smirked when she mentioned she had no permit. She took the bus to and from school everyday. She didn't dislike taking the bus because a lot of her friends took the bus too, but during the sub zero temperatures of winter and sticky humidity of summer, she definitely didn't enjoy taking the MTA.

According to her there were some pretty crazy people on the bus. The Pudgy Man was almost always there. Smallwood didn't like him. "The Pudgy Man is rude, he hits people and looks like porky the pig," she said.

For sophomores without a car life could be tough. But most people managed to hold out until their sixteenth birthdays when they were finally able to get a license.

Andie Naylor

Move over. After school students wait for the number three MTA. The number three ususally had about twenty-five passengers.

I'm so confused. Sophmore **Sydney Bardole** waits outside. Bardole wasn't sure whether she should walk or if her dad was coming to get her.

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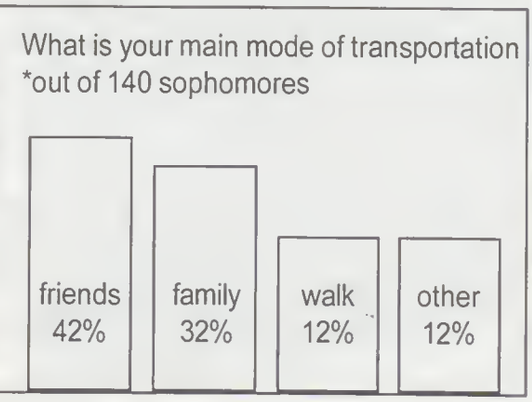
Hurry up. Sophmore **Alec Huess** sits in the backseat of a car. He waited half an hour for a friend to get out of late bird.



Passing the time. Sophomore **Dominick Lee** and senior **Max Kern** play a game of hackeysack during 7th period. The two waited for friends to get out of school in order to get a ride home.

Immigrants arrive with more than a suitcase

As families experienced war and famine in middle-eastern countries, children escaped by traveling the long trip to America for a better life or educational reasons. You had just arrived, now what did you do? Learned the language, if not already fluent, and found a place to call home.

Sophomore **Safiya Habib** arrived from Somalia in 1997 to escape war. Habib came to America with her family but they came to an unknown land with no one they knew. After settling, more family members chose to come for a better life. "I have never and would never visit Somalia, it is a more peaceful life here and I wouldn't go back for anything," she said.

Sophomore **Alen Atajic's** family moved here from Bosnia. After they arrived on American soil, the Atajic family wanted a place to call home. Atajic's dad took it upon himself to build a home for his family. After they settled he continued to build homes around the Des Moines area.

Sophomore **Myessa Nagi** had a different story. Her father had left his home of Lebanon 23 years earlier with his brother. There was a major language barrier from not knowing English at all. Myessa had the opportunity to visit her Lebanese home every summer. While she visited she attened parties, which were her favorite part, and enjoyed her favorite Lebanese dishes which included Fatyah C bread with Zatar (seeds with olive oil).

Sophomore **Nyantoch Wour** left her home in Sudan in 1998 with her mom and brothers for a change in life style. "I don't really know why we left, my mom wanted us to so we could have a better life," Wour said. Wour was fortunate because she was able to learn English in Kenya before she arrived, or at least enough to get by. She carried her old traditions to America in her suitcase and would never forget them.

Christine Jansen

Get creative. Sophomore **Alen Atajic** works on his artwork in art II. Atajic came to America from Bosnia in 1994 to escape from the war that was in progress. Atajic was one of the about 60 Bosnians who came to Roosevelt.

Walk on egg shells. Sophomore **Nianray Majok** heads back to her third period class after visiting the gym. Majok visited with her close friends that came to America from Somalia like herself.

On the cat walk. Sophomore **Semir Elezovic** struts down the hall on his was to biology class with teacher **Judith Denniston**.

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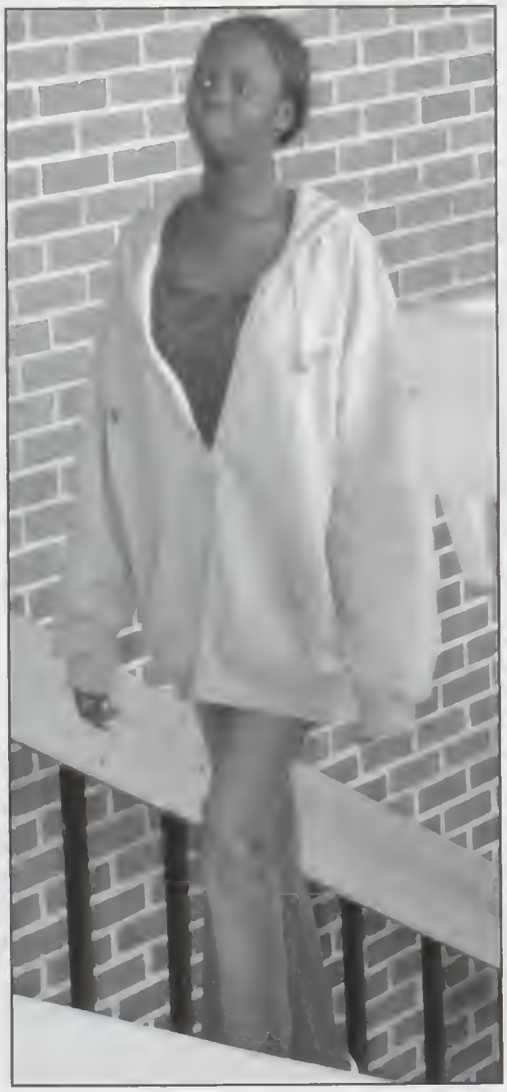

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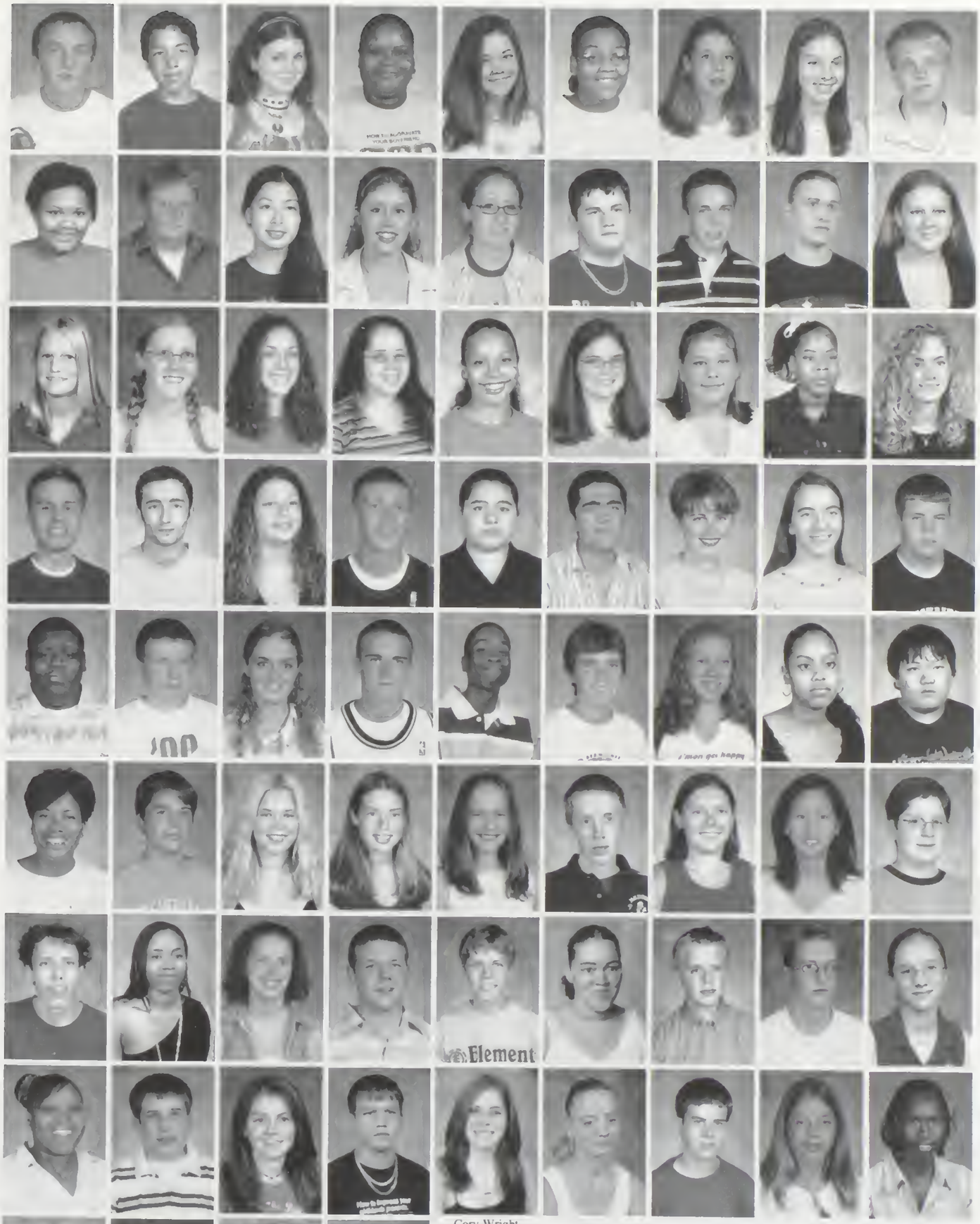

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Amigos **modify** their friendship

Sometimes your good friend from Middle School could either turn into the best thing you could ever have, or the worst thing you could regret. Although they weren't as good of friends with their once busom buddies, freshmen said that they were still cool.

Freshman **Dominique Moreno** said that his friends had definitely changed but they were still his friends. "I haven't made better friends, but the ones I have is coo," Moreno said. Freshman **Landon Hatcher** disagreed. "Yah, my friends have definitely changed," he said.

Freshman **April Sauls** agreed. She came from a different middle school than the ones that fed into Roosevelt. "Everybody grew apart and went to different schools. None of my friends that went to Harding with me go to Roosevelt," she said. She didn't think that she was one of those who changed, but she really missed her friends and wished she was with them.

Freshman **Noelle Jobusch** didn't change friends, she just stopped being friends with them. This was for numerous reasons. "I just got tired of getting grounded and getting in trouble," Jobusch said.

Freshman **Melissa Olson** knew what it was like to have to adjust to new friends. She came from a catholic middle school and had to make new friends altogether.

Kala Jones-Stokes

Have your friends changed since you came to High School?

"My friends haven't really changed except that there isn't as much drama between us anymore. I think we've matured."

Amanda Mosher, freshman

"I lost one of my best friends but in loss of one of my best friends, I gained many new friends."

Channing Cason, freshman

"To some extent yes and no because we all grew up and matured but over all I think everyone stayed the same if not changed for the better!"

Kaaydah Nangle, freshman

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Bethany Aschim
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Christopher Battani
Barbara Baudino
Kathleen Baustian
Alonzo Bell
Charmaine Bell
Karissa Bell
Katherine Bennett
Nathan Berry

Twins. Freshmen **Erika Barnes** and **Shawnta Ward** dress alike. They met through a mutual friend but were not friends with her anymore. They went to Callanan and you usually didn't see one of them without the other.

photo by Suzie Cownie

I'll see you tomorrow. Freshmen **Marisol Pintor** and **Nory Pulidos** say their goodbyes at the end of the day. They spent a lot of time together in and out of school.

photo by Kala Jones-Stokes

Ha ha, that's a funny one. Freshmen **Ryan McMahon** and **Saqifah Brown** share a laugh after school. Brown went to Meredith middle school and most of her friends went to Hoover so when she got to Roosevelt she had to make a whole new group of friends.

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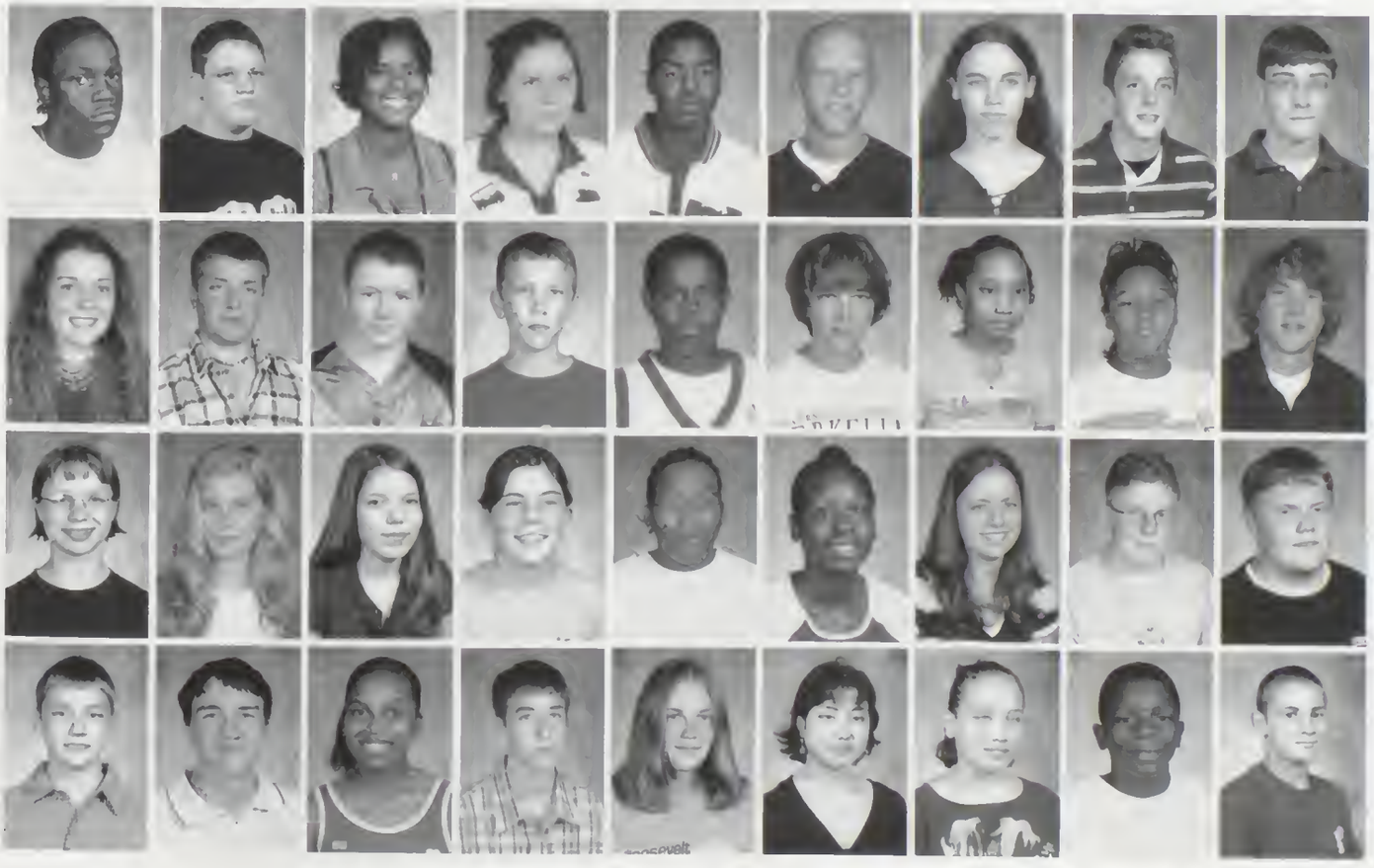

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Maxwell Chisala
Travis Christensen

What toy fads do you remember from when you were little?

"I used to play with those Giga and Nano pets when I was younger and one time I waited in line at FAO Schwartz to get a Furby in New York for hours."

Hanna Hutchison, freshman

"I loved those pink Skip Its, they kept me entertained for hours."

Liz Proctor, freshman

"I always wanted a Barbie power wheels, one of those big cars, oh oh and an Easy Bake oven, actually I still want both of those."

Ellen Swieskowski, freshman

Did that hurt? Freshman **Troy Baer** likes his unique style. "I don't like to be like eveyone else, that is how I decided to dye my hair and get my ear pierced like this," Baer said. He dyed his bangs red and pierce his ear to resemble his favorite music idols. "My favorite band is Korn but my favorite singer is David Draima," Baer said.
photo by Hanna Albaugh

Fads leave big impressions

The jump from middle to high school could be a life altering event for some freshmen. It could mean a change of friends, attire, technology, or attitude. For some students it could be a chance to start all over while for others it could just dig them deeper into a hole.

"When I got to high school, my friends and I changed the way we dressed and acted," freshman **Chelse' Talton** said. Talton decided the change in clothing kept her out of trouble because teachers didn't pay as much attention to them.

One of the big technology fads was the cell phone. "I text message my friends about what I want to do for the weekend because I'm bored in class," freshman **Stephanie Kitchen** said. Students especially in the freshmen class used text messaging on their cell phones to communicate with friends in other classes.

New fads could have even been hanging out in different places. Freshman **Steven Mosier** used to go to Holy Trinity Catholic School so he hung out in new places with his friends. "We go to different movie theaters and we hang out at different parties," Mosier said.

Freshman **Vanessa Villwock** said the "punk" look had been in lately. Students that were really into punk music might have worn hemp necklaces, interesting piercings, and very original clothing.

"I look up to the singers that I listen to," freshman **Troy Baer** said. That was how he decided what he liked to wear to school. Baer played the bass guitar on the weekends with his friends, freshmen **Philip Watson** and **Shane Hobbs**.

Fads came and went and over just one year, for freshmen things could have changed.

Paige Duncan

Ring, Ring. Freshman **Chelse' Talton** sits in P.E. and text messeges her friend in anougher class. Talton enjoyed the new phones with text messeging so that she could carry on convos with her friends during school.
photo by Paige Duncan

The anti-fad. Freshman **Joao Morales** sports his black t-shirts and long hair. "I just like black, I don't really have a style," Morales said.
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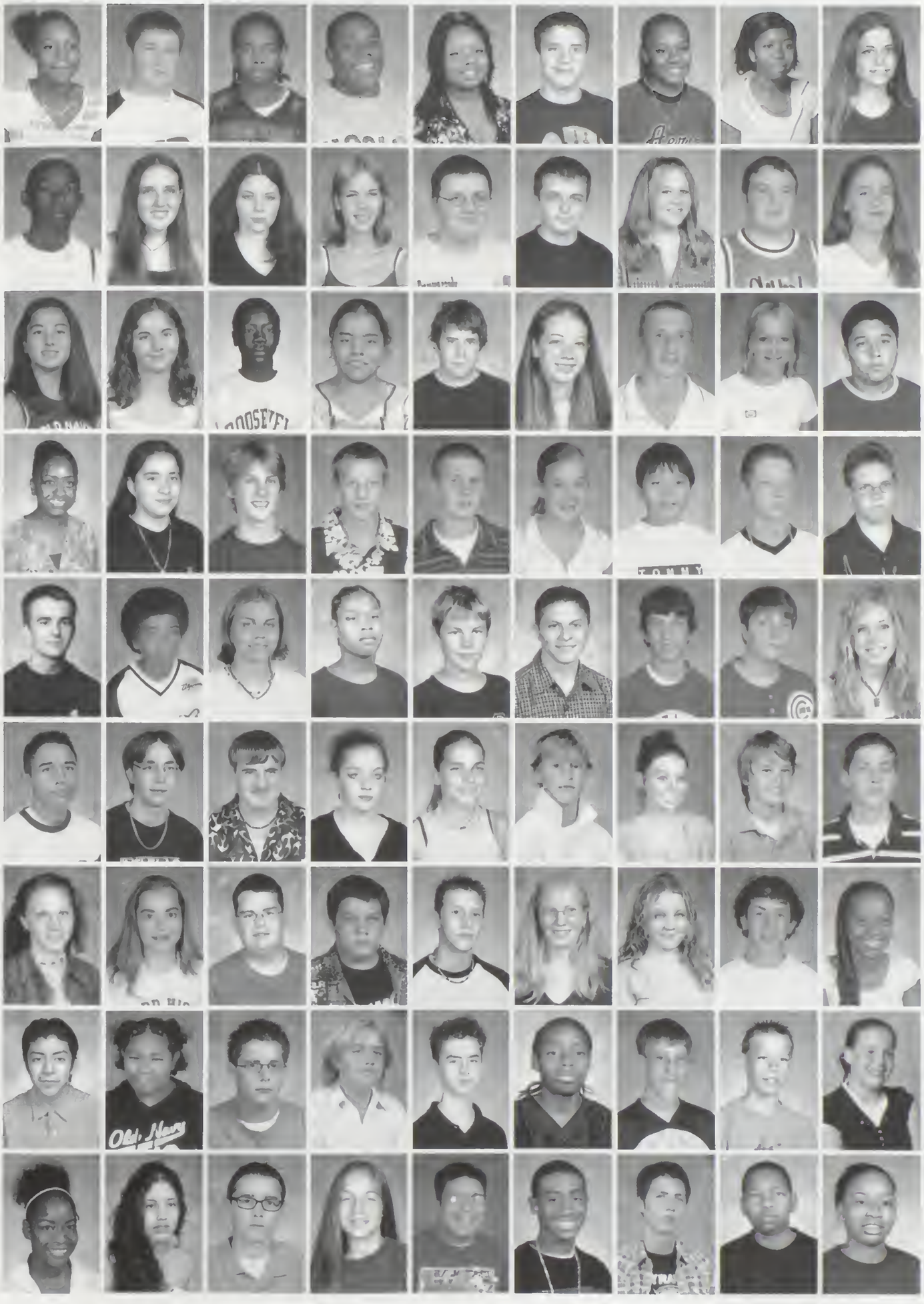

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Transportation plagues

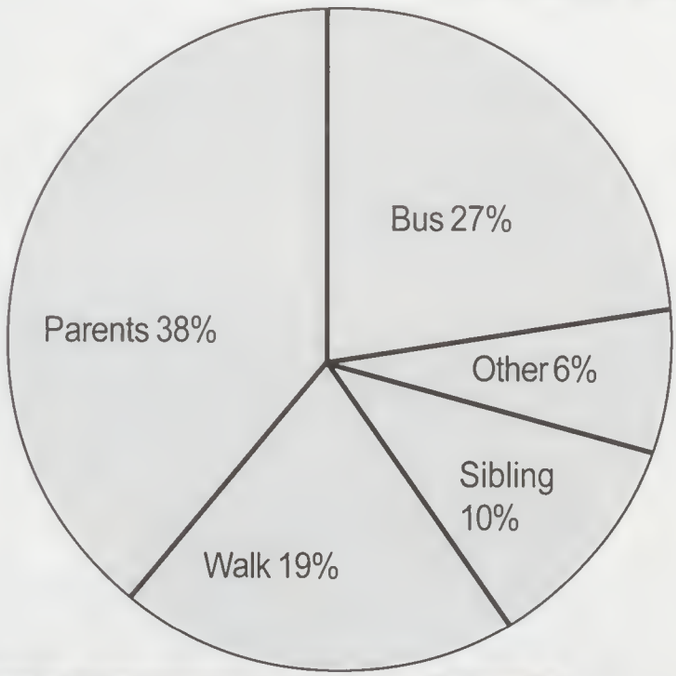
Since freshmen didn't have the luxury of driving, they had to ride the big bus, get a ride from a friend, or walk. Freshmen who caught the bus got the privalege of waking up a 6 a.m., getting ready in 45 minutes, walking to the bus stop, and waiting on the corner for the bus to come regardless of the weather. Or maybe they had it a little better and were able to grab a ride with their parents or an older sibling.

But, it wasn't that bad. There were good things that came out of riding the bus or getting a ride from parents. "Since I get a ride from my mom I don't have to get up until 7 in the morning," freshman **John Leatherman** said. But what about bus riders? "The Bus isn't all that bad. You get to sleep once you get on, so I just caught up on my sleep time by doing that," freshman **Andrew Karrmann** said.

There was one freshman that had the ultimate privilege of getting to drive. She had the huge responsibility and the trust of her parents given to her. "It sucks to drive in the morning. I have to get up early so I can get a good parking spot. But, it's worth it, because I get to drive home or to Burger King for lunch," freshman **Ashley Mailey** said.

Kirk Ryan

How do you get to school in the morning?
***out of 212 freshmen**



Taking it one step at a time. Freshman **Erik Dinges** trudges up the steps to the front entrance after riding the bus. He said that he didn't mind riding it as much as most people and that he was glad to at least have a ride.
photo by Kirk Ryan

Catching the big yellow bus. After missing the bus when she and her friend got confused as to it's location, freshman **Katlyn Hillyard** knows where to wait. Everday, for her morning classes, she found it and got a ride.
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Mychal Hudson
Sabra Husic
Ryan Hutchins
Hannah Hutchison
Ngozi Igbokwe
Mujtaba Ilyaszada
Amira Islamagic

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Russonda Jackson
Nicholas Jacoby
Terrell James
Letisha Janes
Vanessa Janes
London Jepson
John Jessen
Taylor Jewett-Taylor

Noelle Jobusch
Alisha Johnson
Chenee Johnson
Jayohn Johnson
Toiane Johnson
Nadia Jones
Tibise Joseph
Andrew Karrmann
Kathryn Kauffman

Stuck with the bus for now. Freshman **Sam Lepley** gets off the bus after his difficult morning classes at central academy. He said that he would take a ride from anyone to avoid the bus ride, even when it's with strangers. "There was this one time that I got a ride with this one guy who was the brother of some kid," he said. He may have been stuck on the bus for now but he planned on taking drivers education in the summer so that next year he could cruise the streets.

photo by Kirk Ryan

Passing the time. To make time fly, freshmen **Jonathan Euwing** and **Kian Aikoniege** share a quick conversation. For most of the year they had to wait for the bus on chamberlain.

photo by Josh Adcock

Early mornings. Waking up a little earlier to fit in their walk to school is what both freshmen **Manfred Strait** and **Vanessa Vilwock** do. Living close together, however, made it easier to walk together, which was always more enjoyable.

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Freshmen work for dough

Freshman **Stephanie Collier** loved working. "I got this job because I want more money, so I can buy a bunch of stuff," she said. She had been employed at Hy-Vee on Army Post Road since late November. "The work is okay, it's not as hard as some people would think," she said. She's one of the few freshmen at Roosevelt that worked. She only made $5.15 and hour, but she felt that it was better than nothing. Since she worked in a Hy-Vee out on Army Post, there weren't many other Roosevelt kids who were employed out there. "Yeah, and even the ones who are from Roosevelt I don't really socialize with," she said.

With many young workers, the question of rides always came up. "I just hitch a ride from my mom usually, but it's really annoying. I wish I could drive," she said. And then another big question arose for a freshmen worker. Why start working so early? "The money. I want to be able to buy things like clothes and food," she answered simply.

There were roughly about eight freshmen who had jobs. When asking them all about what it took to get a job at that age, it sounded very easy. All that was required was 2 or 3 proofs of identity, which could range from a birth certificate to a school I.D. and a work permit signed by multiple people.

Another freshman, **Scott Boubin** also enjoyed working. Boubin worked at the Drug Town on 60th and Ashworth. He worked on the weekends, usually from 12 to 5. "The money's good, but getting up early on the weekends isn't fun," he said. Boubin had been working there for about three weeks, and showed no signs of unhappiness. "The atmosphere is pretty laid back. It's really easy," he said. When asked if there are older Roosevelt students who work there, he said, "There are about two seniors who I know of that work here, but I really don't know them or talk to them."

A third freshman wasjust starting out in the work force. **Amira Islamagic** had just taken a job at the Wendy's on 86th. "I'm so excited, I don't have to ask my parents for money anymore," she said.

Matt Adcock

What would be your dream job?

"Installing car stereos."

Matt Roders, freshman

"Being a recording artist, and making millions."

Ryan Hepson, freshman

"A pediatrician, because I love helping little kids."

Hellen Freude, freshman

"A professional soccer player, cause I just love soccer so much!"

Hanna Demoret, freshman

Sign here, Please. A sigh of relief is let out as freshman **Amira Islamagic** gets her work permit signed by councelor **Glady Stephens**. It was the final step for her before she started her new job.
photo by Ashley McDonad

The AE Man. The dairy shelves are restocked as Freshman **Scott Boubin** puts away a gallons of milk. As a new employee at Drug Town, Boubin got stuck with a lot of the tedious jobs.
photo by Matt Adcock

Let's Walk. Freshman **Scott Boubin** took a walk through the medicine aisle on his way to a break. Boubin worked at a Drug Town in West Des Moines.
photo by Matt Adcock

Sibling rivalries put aside

Being a freshman was an intimidating thing, from new people and new surroundings, to new classes and new experiences. One thing that brought relief to many freshmen was having an older sibling at school with them.

The transition for freshman **Jessica Nelson** was made easier with older sister senior **Jamie Nelson** around for support. "She told me what to expect. She warned me of what most of my teachers were like, how to manage homework in their classes, and how to stay ahead to get a good grade," Nelson said. The sisters saw each other rarely during the day, sometimes during passing periods, but knowing Jamie was there brought Jessica comfort.

According to Jessica, she and Jamie were close, but "will be a lot closer next year." With Jamie graduating, Jessica would miss the familiarity she had with her sister, but she was ready for the challenge of facing high school on her own.

Freshman **Spencer Brown** and older brother, junior **Michael Brown** were fairly close with each other. They mostly just hung out at home, but sometimes Michael took Spencer to school activities, mostly football and basketball games. On the first day of school, Michael took Spencer around school, showed him where his classes were, and made the whole experience "a lot less overwhelming," according to Spencer. He asked his older brother for final advice, but "did not get any, because Michael did not remember anything from his previous classes."

"It would have been harder this year without him here. I am excited he will be around for another year, but by then I'm sure I will be ready to be alone," Spencer said.

It was a different story with freshman **Paul Hall** and older brother sophomore **Kurtis Hall**. Kurtis, only a sophomore, had a fresher memory of his classes freshman year. He told Paul about the classes he had freshman year and showed him where his they were around the building.

School was not the only thing that Paul and Kurtis had in common. They were also both members of the basketball team. "We are compared to each other. Somtimes, I hate it, but most times it really doesn't bother me," Hall said.

One would think Paul would be excited for his senior year, when he will finally be alone at Roosevelt, but this is not true. With two other siblings, one ten years old and the other thirteen years old, Paul would not be completely on his own in a school setting until college. "I am ready to graduate and be on my own," he said.

Julia Wilson

A quick question. Freshman **Stuart Wilson** takes a moment during passing period to ask his sister, senior **Chasity Wilson** a quick question before heading to class. Chasity had mostly A's in her classes, so she knew what she was talking about. "Her help makes it easier because I understand more. I like her way of explaining things," Stuart said.

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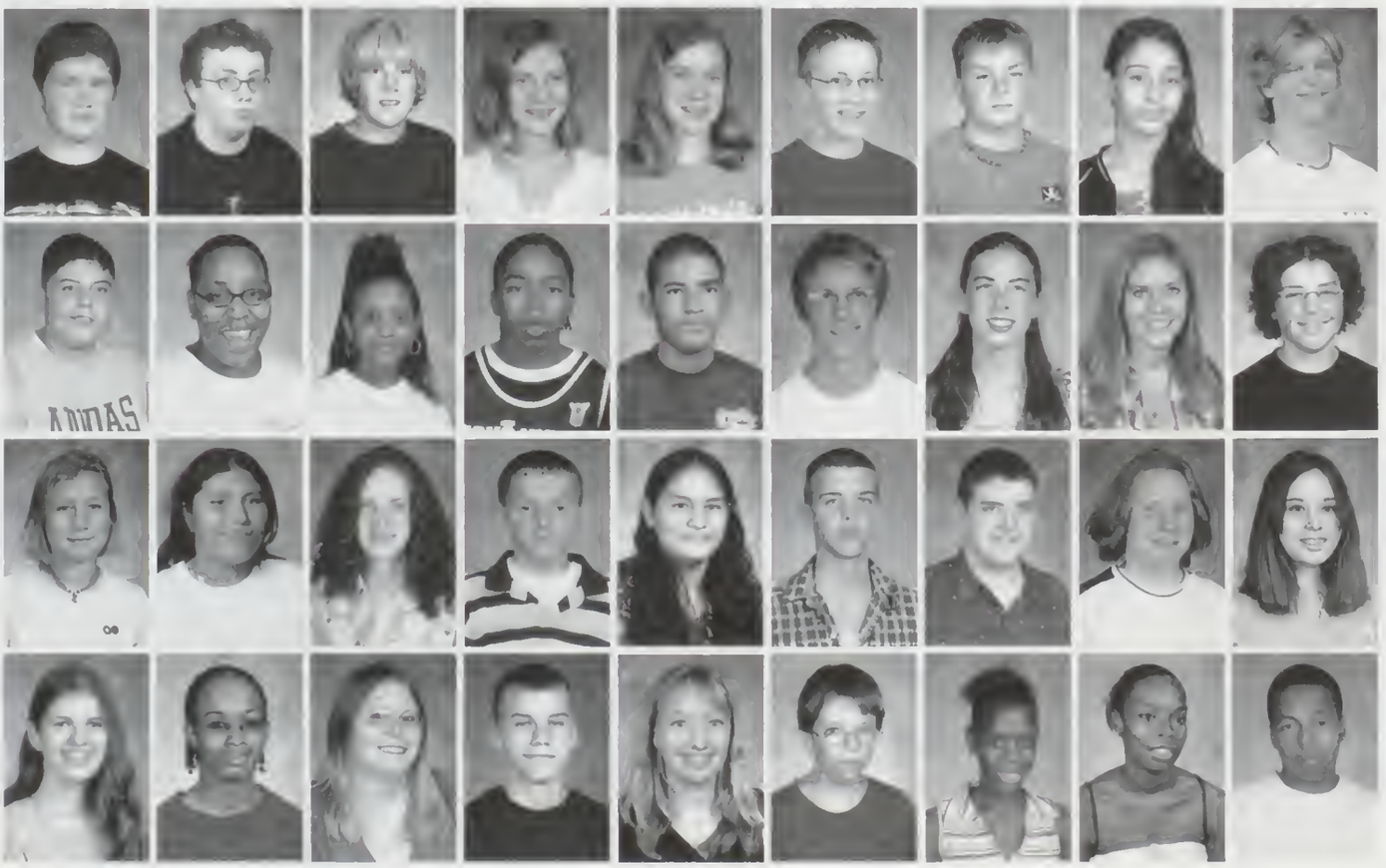


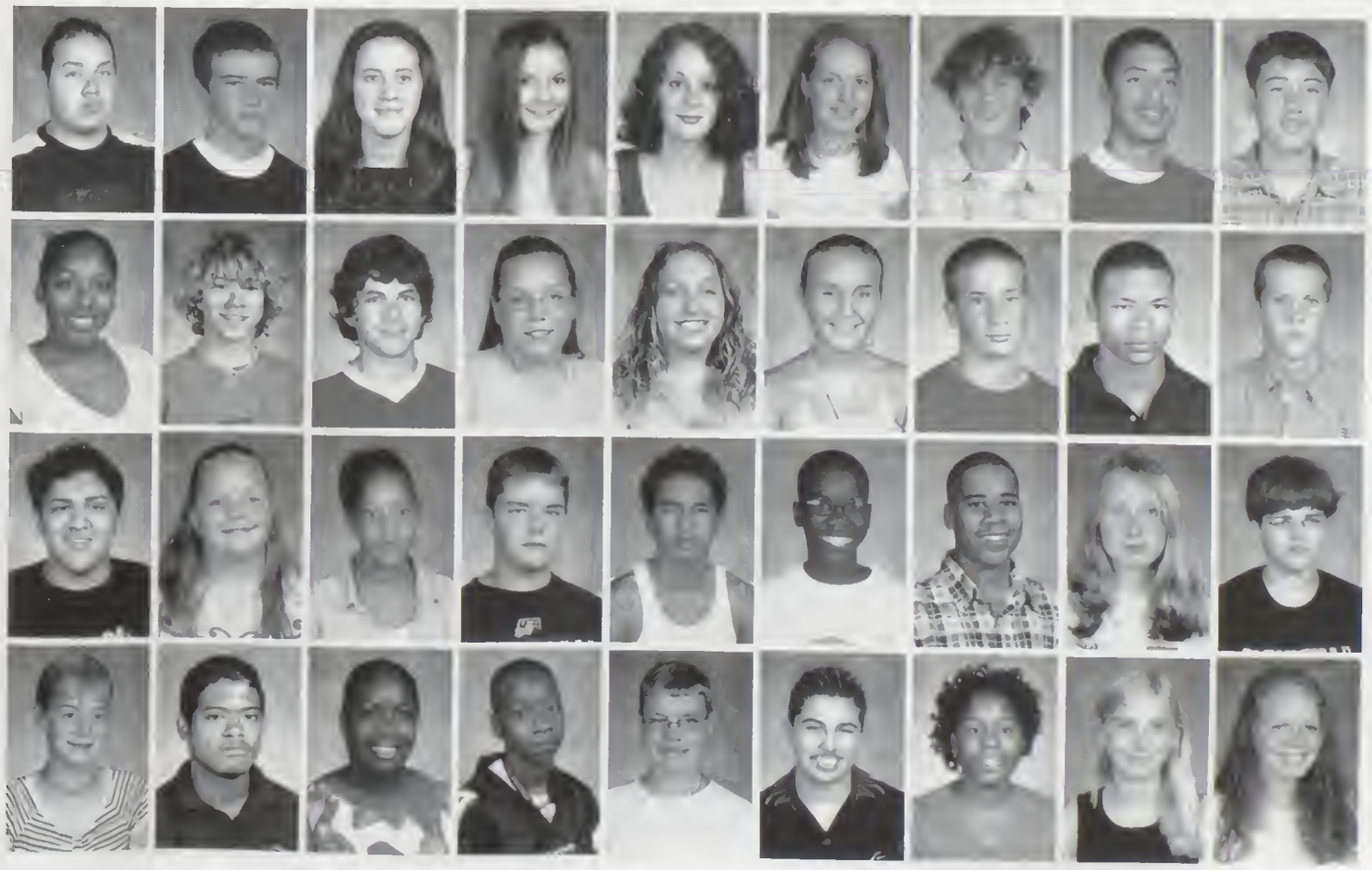
Do you have any older siblings at Roosevelt?
*out of 212 freshmen

yes 17%

no 83%

Sing loud and proud. Senior **Kate McCormick** and freshman brother **Ryan McCormick** prepare for voice lessons. The siblings were about as close as could be, taking voice and piano lessons together once a week.

Can't touch this. Freshman **Maxwell Chisala** and older sister senior **Miriam Chisala** enjoy one of the many things they do together, basketball. They also played as many video games as they had time for.



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Freshmen fears forgotten

Freshman **Maggie Taha** came to Roosevelt a little nervous, with expectations of hard classes, long tests, and hours of homework. The classes were manageable she found out. "That seems like a really long time to take one test," she said about finals. But she felt prepared going into them and good after finishing them. She only had thirty minutes to an hour of homework every night and she said she definitely got quicker at doing her work over the course of the year. She also had learned how to use class time better to get work done during the day.

As far as the social aspect of high school, there are fewer clicks. People were more accepting and less judgmental Taha thought. Some of that she attributes to the bigger class size. Overall she had enjoyed the year and had gotten over her initial anxieties.

Freshman **Austin Fisher** wasn't even aware that he had an English final until the Monday of finals week. He said it was a test he couldn't study for really anyway. He had a similar experience as Taha with most of his fears being wrong.

Paul Asjes

I heart you. Freshman **Andy Davis** shows off his freshly shaven head. All the first year swimmers' heads were shaven after a team dinner.

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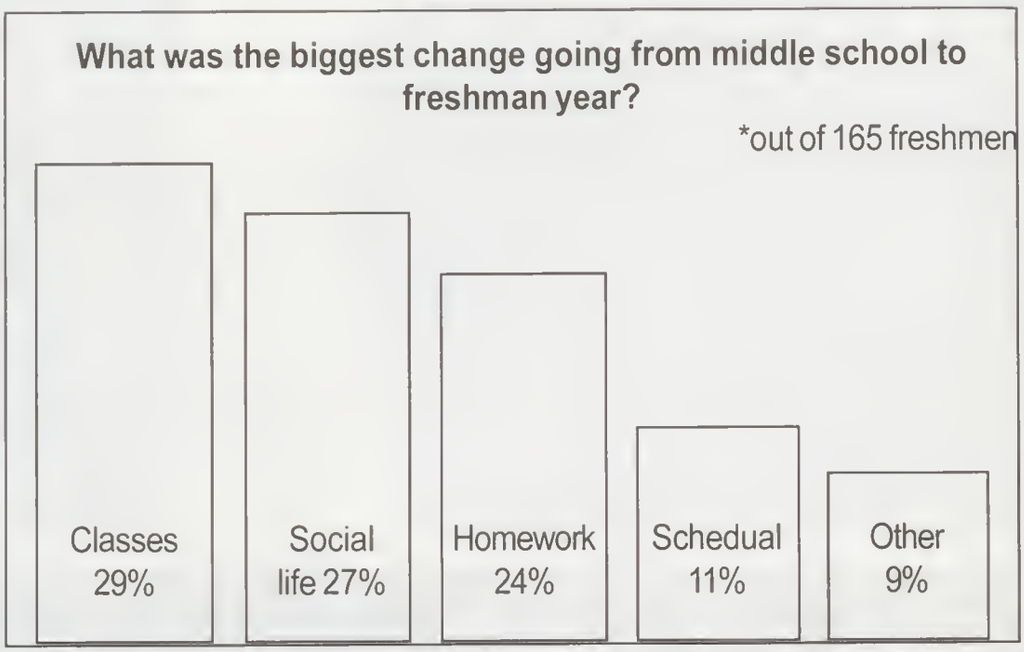

Ring around the rosie. Freshmen **Anna McDermott**, **Liz Proctor**, **Katie Swartwood**, and **Hanna Hutchishon** perform for older sharks. Senoir **Allison Peyton** was hosting a potluck when the girls were asked to do a skit about the police. They wore the traditional freshmen outfit of white tights, skirt, and a white dress shirt.

photo by Sarah Hunter

The future is here. Freshman **Micheal Finch** scheduals for his sophomore year with connections and English teacher **Barb Havinghurst**. He said it was a challenge choosing what classes to take. He considered sociology and journalism as electives.

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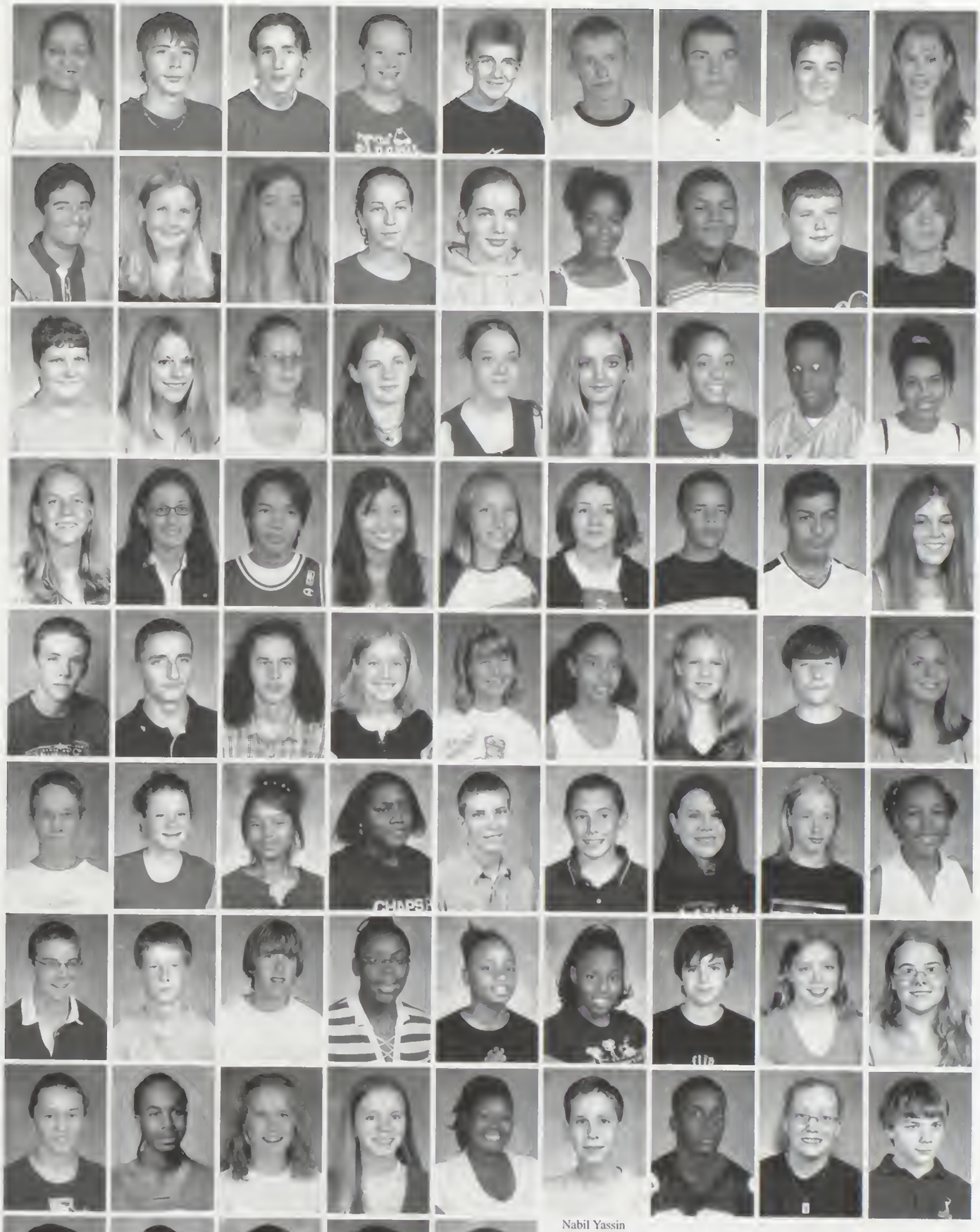

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Teachers juggle jobs

Outside of school teachers kept themselves busy by having second jobs. It not only took up their time but it gave them a little extra money. District cuts had forced many teachers to get second jobs. Second jobs gave teachers an oppurtunity to get some more money.

Building houses was a passion as well as a second-job for computer teacher **Diana Fisher.** Fisher built around two houses in the past summer and one during the school year. "I love building houses becausc I can add my own little touches," she said. House-building was a good seasonal second job for teachers becuase the time when school got out for the summer was the same time that the construction season started.

World Studies teacher **Bill Kaemmer** doubled his duties in the Iowa National Guard. "I use my teaching skills when I teach people about the National Guard," Kaemmer said. He tought A-knock and B-knock classes in the National Guard. Along with his National Guard dutics Kaemmer also dedicated a grcat deal of his time to coaching the girls cross country and track teams and the bowling team whose main goal was to make it to state.

Interactive Scicnce teachcr **Jay Groth** tripled his time as the wrestling and golf coach. "As a coach you need to listen to your players just as you have to listen to your students," Groth said. Groth enjoyed coaching because it helped clear his mind.

Biology teachcr **Marc Ayers** had bcen doing taxes at H&R block for twenty-eight years. Making his clients feel comfortable and helping them do good on their taxes was Aycrs biggest concern. "I use some of my math skills but, most of my pcople skills when doing taxes", he said.

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On the map. Resource teacher **Lynn Eastman** works as a show coordinator for Emery Training Center. She helped with horse training out in Dexter, Iowa all summer starting in April and going through to September.

photo by Aubrey Reser

We have a bone to pick. Marc Ayers talks with senior **Chad Allen** about bones. For the past 28 years Ayers had worked for H&R Block from January to April 15 doing taxes. He was required to take classes from August to December to prepair depending on what type of taxes he planed on prepairing.

photo by Aubrey Reser

Ready to move on out. World history teacher **Bill Kaemmer** loads up his cart to move to another room. He said that when he moved later in the year he would have to find a new job and would probably find another teaching position, and hopefully one where he could stay in one classroom.

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Soccer, dance and swimming were all a part of junior [redacted] yearly schedule.

Her mother also helped her stay active by enrolling her in dance classes starting at the young age of 6. She studied at Dance Visions studio. Her biggest accomplishments for dance was winning first place at nationals.

Hilmes also was a swimmer since age 6 with the Wakonda Country Club, Central Iowa Aquatics and with current swim coach [redacted]. She said her father encouraged her to swim because it was one of his former sports. Through all her hard work, she had made it to state for the last two years.

Hilmes also played on the soccer team, with the last two years on varsity.

After moving from Bosnia to Germany, sophomore **Semi Elezovic** remembered the day that he arrived in the United States: Feb. 16, 1999.

He noticed differences between soccer back home and here in the United States. "Americans worry more about conditioning, not skill," Elezovic said. He played organized soccer since he was seven years old.

Elezovic participated in sports year round including football, basketball, and soccer. He said that he played sports to stay in shape and to keep from getting fat from eating too many chips.

Whether running around the track, shooting hoops on the court, diving off the board, or just trying to get to that next class on time, student athletes made movement a key part of their everyday lives.

Sports were a family tradition for sophomore **James Conley**. Conley started young, playing AAU basketball and All-American little league football before playing football and basketball for high school seasons. "(Sports) helped me budget my time," he said.

Conley practiced his b-ball game over the summer with the varsity team before his freshman year. He wanted to come on the team with an advantage over the rest of his underclass teammates.

His favorite moves on the basketball court were the stop and go and the cross over. Conley used those moves to intimidate his opponents.

Listening to music while jumping up and down were pre-game rituals for Conley this season. He said it warmed him up and kept his blood moving.

Senior **Miriam Chisala** used to run barefoot all the time when she lived in South Africa. When Chisala ran her first race there in a professional stadium with a real track in seventh grade, she was the only girl in her race who did not have shoes. She said that when she lost, she thought that the other girls cheated who had shoes on. Five years of sprinting led to a 2003 Iowa state title in the 200 meter dash.

Chisala also was on the varsity basketball team. She had never touched a basketball until her first year of high school. "I was clueless. I couldn't even dribble the ball," she said. Due to only learning the game of basketball a few short years ago, she felt that making the varsity team was her biggest sports accomplishment.

Unfortunately, Chisala tore her ACL towards the beginning of the season and had to sit on the bench. She continued to run track despite her injury.

Movement

athletes breeze through the seasons

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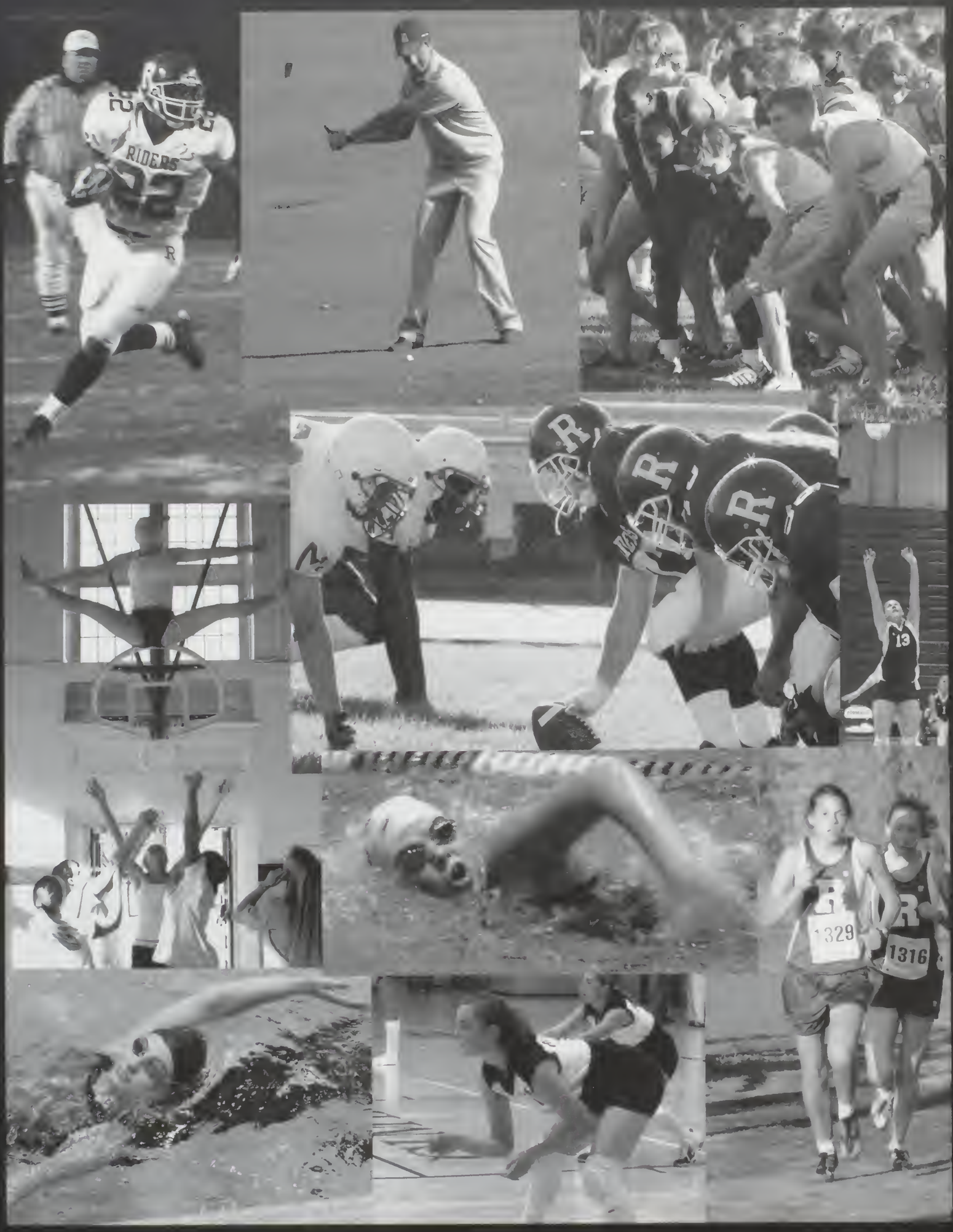
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Fall sports

highlights

The boys cross country took the conference title for the eighth straight year in addition to being state champions for the third year in a row. Besides the boys cross country team bringing the state champion trophy home, three of the boys placed in the top ten. Junior **Jon Thomas** captured the individual state champion and junior **Kiel Uhl** followed as runner-up. Senior **Austin Williamson** placed fourth. "Boys winning for a third year in a row, it speaks volumes for the school," athletic director **Keith Ellingson** said.

For four years running, the girls cross country team won the conference championship and the individual conference championship. The girls cross country team placed sixth on its second trip in a row to the state meet. On top of that, two runners were top ten finishers. In the history of the girls cross country team, the team had previously never placed higher than thirteenth or had two top ten finishers, until sophomore **Hannah Roeder** placed fourth and junior **Millie Bell** placed tenth.

The volleyball team and girls swim team also took home conference titles. The girls swim team was undefeated during the regular season. The team placed second during the district swim meet. Conference champions for four years in a row, the team took the city championship for 19 years. One relay team and two individuals went to state: seniors **Dana Ketcher**, **Lydia Clark**, and juniors **Jackie Hilmes**, **Kelsey Smith**.

For the second season, the volleyball team seized the conference title. In the district tournament, they lost in the second round. "It reflects positively on Roosevelt when you see a large number of students that are competitive in school," Ellingson said.

Jasmina Pandur

1) senior **Brian Bell**, varsity football, photo by Josh Adcock 2) junior **Mark Child**, golf, photo by Aubrey Reser 3) senior **Austin Williamson** and juniors **Jon Thomas**, **Mike Brown**, **Jeremiah Danga**, **Yawusa Kinda**, varsity cross country, photo by Kelsey Wheeler 4) seniors **Rachel Ratashak**, **Rachel Pruiett**, **Jessica Wright**, freshsmen **April Sauls**, **Eilen Thomas**, and Coach **Felicity Croat**, varsity competition squad, photo by Tanisha Jones 5) , JV football, photo by Wanakee Carr 6) senior **Jenny Mosher**, varsity volleyball, photo by Josh Adcock) junior **Carolynn Bartlett**, varsity swimming, photo by Paul Asjes 8)junior **Bianca Lucht**, varsity swimming (backstroke), photo by Paige Duncan 9) sophomore, **Alison Kuker**, JV volleyball, photo by Josh Adcock 10) senior **Becca Stubbs** and junior **Hillary Courtney**, varisty cross country, photo by Hanna Albaugh 11) freshman **Aaron Sheets**, freshman football, photo by Kirk Ryan

RUNNERS TAKE STATE

Team takes conference, district and state meets for a third year in a row.

"Everybody competed hard with intensity this season," coach **Steve Brown** said.

With that intensity they reached another state title along with the conference and district title.

"State wasn't even our biggest race. It seemed like it was the Griak race," junior **Jon Thomas** said, who took the state title at the state meet.

In every race that they were in this season they placed first and were nationally ranked as high as fourth.

"This season we were more competitive with each other than the other teams were with us," junior **Kiel Uhl** said.

At the state meet, Uhl took runner up. "I wasn't expecting to get beat," Uhl said.

Along with Thomas and Uhl, senior **Austin Williamson** also had a chance to win state. Williamson ended up taking 4th place.

"I didn't expect to win but I thought I had a chance. I didn't count my chickens too soon," Thomas said.

The team had a lot of injuries which made it more difficult to reach their goals, but they ended up with an excellent season. The entire team worked hard, and every athlete improved every week.

There was a large senior class graduating with ten seniors leaving and five who ran for the varsity team.

Jasmina Pandur

Keep on running. Senior **Joseph Meja** knows that this is his best cross country season so far for him. "This year was the best year for me because of less serious injuries," Meja said.
photo by Kelsey Wheeler

Can't catch him. During the district meet, junior **Yawusa Kinda** tries to get a bigger gap between him and his opponent. Kinda helped the team become conference champions.
photo by Kelsey Wheeler

Keep up. Senior **Max Vilwock** and **Ari Micich** ran side by side at the same pace through most of the race. They pushed each other harder to work during the conference meet.
photo by Kelsey Wheeler

Not far from the finish. Senior **Austin Williamson** and junior **Kiel Uhl** lead the pack during the conference meet at Sleepy Hollow. Uhl ended up conference champion.
photo by Kelsey Wheeler

We're #1 . At the end of the state meet, senior **Thom Waters** and junior **Jon Thomas** hold up the state championship trophy. Teammates junior **Michael Brown**, **Kiel Uhl** and **Jeremiah Danga** celebrate along. The entire team came to support their teammates.

photo by Olga Yorsh

Hmmm food. During a team dinners freshmen **Ryan Peer**, **Jon Waters**, senior **Thom Waters**, and junior **Michael Brown** chowed down. The boys and girls frequently had dinners together.

photo by Hanna Albaugh

Huddle up. Before a JV race, coach **Steve Brown** gives runners an encouraging speech and some advice to help them last through their race. "These athletes have a lot of potential," Brown said.

photo by Jon Thomas

Sports

Team record:Varsity 9-0, State Champions

Jon Thomas - State champion
Kiel Uhl - State runner-up
Austin Williamson - 4th at state
Thom Waters - 16th at state
Jeremiah Danga - 22nd at state
Yawusa Kinda - 33th at state
Joseph Meja - 87th at state

Take Your Mark

Lady Tankers race to an undefeated season of 12-0.

The day of the Marshalltown meet many of the swimmers tried to hype themselves up to swim against one of the most outstanding girls teams. They were ready to fight but worried as to what the out come would be.

Fortunately after the meet Marshalltown was no longer the feared team and they were no longer undefeated, the Lady Tankers were. "We stomped them, it was a huge, huge victory for us. It was a story of the underdog taking out the top dog," coach **Steve Teter** said.

That wasn't the only victorious story this past season. The Lady Tankers were conference champs for the fourth year in a row and were city champs for the nineteenth year.

The swimmers placed second at districts. Senior **Lydia Clark** placed first in the 200 freestyle by shaving five seconds off her time and a second in the 500 freestyle. "After the 200 free Teter came up and hugged me so hard that he cracked my back three times," Clark said.

Clark had been working all season on this race knowing that she would have to step it up to beat North's Aubrey Welp. At districts Clark beat her by three one hundreths of a second.

Four girls went to state: juniors **Kelsey Smith** and **Jackie Hilmes**, and seniors **Lydia Clark** and **Dana Ketcher**. Ketcher was seated eighteenth place but finished at eighth in the 50 freestyle.

Pay back. Girl swimmers are not allowed to shave during the season. They waited until the Friday before conference so they would have smooth skin in hopes to take time off their race. Sophomore **Sarah Eimers** decided to shave a little earlier freshman year. Eimers liked the punishment so she decided run again sophomore year even though she didn't shave.

photo by Paige Duncan

Motivation. Sophomore **Ime Augistine-Akpan** and Coach **Steve Teter** cheer on the swimmers. Augistine was a strong swimmer for the varsity team and swam the 100 and 500 free at districts.

photo by Paul Asjes

Watch out. Senior **Charlotte Duoblys** dives in front of the judges. "I've hit the board a couple of times during a meet. It is really embarrassing because everyone is watching you," Duoblys said.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Slow and steady. Junior **Lucy Grask** shows her impeccable form while she swims the free style during practice. She had been on the varsity swim team since her freshman year. Grask swam the 100 breast stroke.

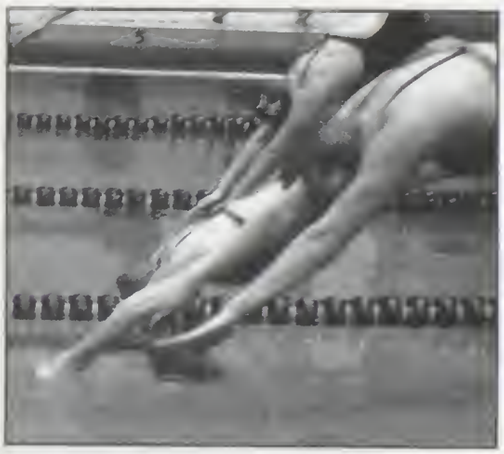
photo by Sydney Bardole

Ice cold. Senior **Suzie Cownie** timidly inches her way to jump into the pool as freshman **Emily Wieland** watches to her amusement. Cownie did not like jumping into the deep end because of the rush of cold water. The shallow end is where she usually entered the pool. "I wanted to try something different than normal," she said.

photo by Sarah Hunter

Punishment. Junior **Emily Kreamer** and freshman **Blair Rosenburg** decide that hairless is the way to go even though they aren't supposed to shave. They had to dress up and run around the track in the cold rain.

photo by Paige Duncan



Fast start. The swimmers use quick starts to lead them on senior night. Varsity had an undefeated season. "This year we had a really well rounded team, there wasn't any one person who stuck out," Coach **Steve Teter** said.

photo by Paul Asjes

Helpful hand. Captain senior **Julia Wilson** helps fellow senior **Lydia Clark** with her time cards. "I've done Lydia's cards all four years and I even got the chance to do them for her this year at state," Wilson said.

photo by Paul Asjes

Spirits

Team record: 12-0

Dana Ketcher:Team captain, state qualifier, varsity star swimmer

Julia Wilson, Jodi Birkey: Team captains

Molly Dougherty, Becka Gernes, Caitlin Sims: varsity/ J.V. star swimmers

Lydia Clark: state qualifier; team captain

SECOND ROUND DISTRICTS

By going to the second round of districts, the varsity volleyball team made school history.

The victory over the Lincoln Railsplitters gave the varsity team the conference title. That was the beginning of their journey to districts. The girls made it to the second round, where they were defeated by the Ames Cyclones. Senior **Jaime Nelson** thought they had some competiton, but it was not obsessive. "Ames was our biggest competition in districts, but Ottumwa was our biggest competiton in the conference. I wished we would have met up with Ames later in the district tournament though because I know we could have beaten some of the other teams, but the best part of the season was the game against Ottumwa because we came together as a team and we played strong," Nelson said.

Senior **Jenny Mosher** thought the season went very well even though they lost five seniors the previous season. She wished that they could have gone farther especially because this was her last year. "I felt that going this far was exciting as well as disappointing because we knew that we could have gone farther," Mosher said.

The season was exciting. "The best part of the season was wining conference for the second time in a row and going past first round districts," she said.

Teamwork. Sophomores **Marina Vasiljevic** and **Anna Gerlitz** are determined to get the ball. They got the ball over the net and ended up scoring.
photo by Josh Adcock

Score. By serving the ball, sophomore **Anna Jones** gets ready to score a point. Jones was an asset to the team's performance.
photo by Josh Adcock

Set it up. At a JV game, junior **Carlye Sikink** and sophomore **Ali Kuker** set up a play for a point. "We had a great time on JV, and there was probably a lot of laughing," Sinkink said.
photo by Josh Adcock

Break. The varsity girls get a motivational talk from Head Coach Maria Mattiace before the game. The talks were to remind the girls of their team goal, going to districts.

photo by Christine Jansen

Big play. After the play had been set up, sophomore **Sarah Leonard** goes in for the kill. It was Leonard's second year on varsity. The team made school history by making it to second round districts.

photo by Josh Adcock

Serve. Senior **Dana Bartolomei** seves the ball. "I hated serving because when we missed a serve we had to run and I hate running," Bartolomei said.

photo by Josh Adcock

Go girl. After a good play, Senior **Jenny Mosher** congratulates sophomore **Alex May**. The team faced the North Polar Bears away from home. May was one of five sophomores on the varsity team.

photo by Christine Jansen

Sports

Team record:Conference Champions
19:15 overall
Jenny Mosher: Team captain
Jamie Nelson: Team captain
Megan Jones: Team captain
Danielle St. Pierre: J.V. MVP; Varsity Spirit award

RACE TO VICTORY

The girls cross country team persevered through the summer's heat and fall's chill. As a team united,they won the conference meet.

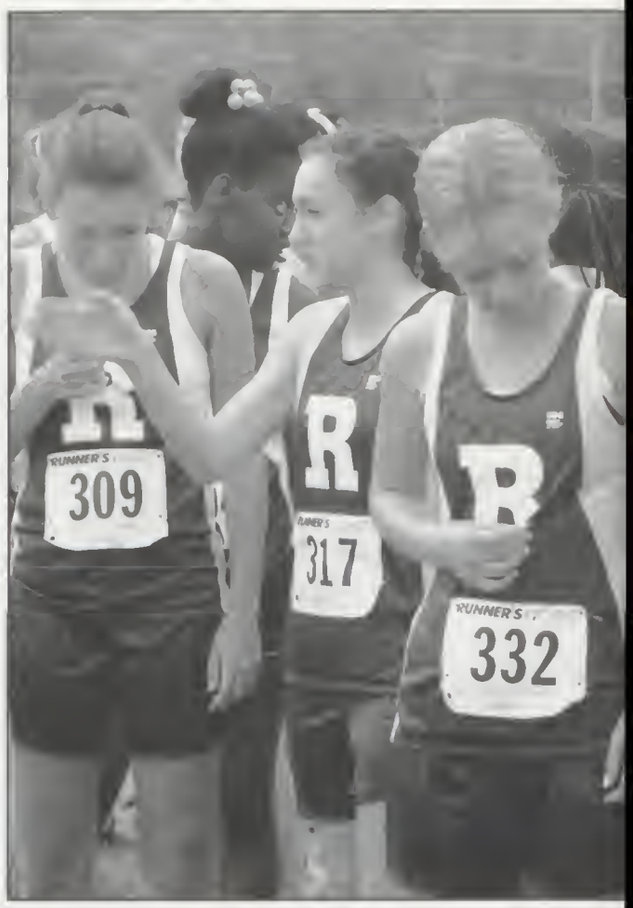
The season had strong start with senior veteran runners **Becca Stubbs** and **Hilary Woodhouse** as varsity captains Woodhouse was proud to be co-captain. "It's a cool sport because in order to get far, everyone has to work hard. No one can piek up your slack," Woodhouse said.

With a well-earned victory at conference, districts were just around the corner. Only second to Valley, the team was runner-up at districts. "I was nervous because it was a very hard course, so after it was over, I was really happy," senior **Kari Ormiston** said.

With the help of coach **Bill Kaemmer**, the team took sixth at statc. It was the first timc that the team qualified for state two consecutive ycars in a row. Sophomore varsity runner **Hannah Roeder** finished fourth, while junior **Millie Bell** came in 10th overall.

With all the training, the team maintained academic exellence. The team recieved first in state for having the highest team GPA of 3.66.

Although the season came to a close, the momentum still flowed. Many runners continued to run as a members of a winter runing club. "As the captain of the winter runners club, I want to stay in shape to take the next step on varsity," junior **Natalie Krekel** said.



Oops! Senior **Miriam Chisala** is a two year JV runner who enjoys the sport. "During the Sleepy Hollow meet, I ran into the wrong shoot and I had to run back around. I was so embarrassed," Chisala said.
photo by Kelsey Wheeler

Just breathe. Junior JV runner **Meagan Whetstone** is the big flamingo of the blue flamingo club. "Running is a big stress-reliever after a long day," Whetstone said.
photo by Jon Thomas

It's over now. Freshman JV runner **Charmaine Bell** enjoys a bottle of water after the race. "The races are so long that I need endurance to push through," Bell said.
photo by Jon Thomas

Stretch it out. Sophomore JV runner **Jessie Dinges** extends her arm to loosen up for the meet. The team stretches as a group before each meet.
photo by Kelsey Wheeler

Take your Mark. The JV cross country team lines up at a meet. There were 33 girls on the team.
photo by Kelsey Wheeler

Helping hand. Junior **Afton Polk** and sophomore **Fionna Fallon** attach numbers to their uniforms. The running tags were used to identify each participant.
photo by Paige Duncan

Speed Racer. Junior **Hanna Albaugh** enters the Friendly Forest at Sleepy Hollow for the conference meet. After an exhausting 2.4 mile race, Albaugh finished ninth for JV. "I wasn't happy with the time I got, but I was excited to have placed," Albaugh said.
photo by Kelsey Wheeler

Time Out. Senior varsity co-captain **Becca Stubbs** and junior **Hillary Courtney** chat after a race. The team placed sixth at the state meet.
photo by Kelsey Wheeler

Sports

Becca Stubbs: Team captain
Hilary Woodhouse: Team captain
Hannah Roeder: Most valuable runner
Maddie Tomka: Outstanding freshman

Teams Grow Together

While freshmen take the conference title and JV take the city, varsity rebuilt with a season of 2-7.

Athough the varsity football team finished with a season record of 2-7, the varsity team grew and bonded with the underclass teams throughout summer practices, late nights, hard games and team dinners. "As the season progressed, we became more of a team," senior **Billy Holtze** said. With about four starters returning, the varsity team reworked thier line-up to have sophomore quarterback, **Nick Sharp**, join the team at mid-season. He inspired the rest of the team to work and grow with him. "It just seemed like people had more confidence in the program and people were just more excited to get on the field and play wilth this guy," senior varisty captain **Collins Eboh** said.

Having team dinners Wednesday after their practices was a time for the three teams to get together, relax, and have fun. A tradition was to sing the fight song before they sat down to eat.

While the varisty team had the number one defense in the city, the freshman team had a season of 8-1. "We knew we had talent, we had to work together as a team to accomplish our goal this season." freshman fullback **DeSean Woods** said.

The JV team was also city champions with a record of 4-5. Sophomore cornerback **Matt Hudson** said his best game was against Lincoln and the whole team stepped up.

Wanakee Carr

Perfect form. Sophomore Quarterback **Nick Sharp** leans back to pass to a fellow teammate while playing against Mason City. Sharp became the varsity quarterback midway through the season. He recieved the most improved player award this season.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Fake out. While running the ball, sophomore **David Bartine** fakes out a Mason City player. Bartine felt that it was his best game. He was out for most of the season with injuries.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Third and short. Sophomore **Tim Alberts** makes a pass while sophomore **Jason Runge** blocks. "We got that (third down) so we could keep wearing down the clock," Alberts said.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Blockade. At the sophomore game against the Rails, sophomore **Geoff Barns** goes in to tackle Lincoln's ball carrier. That game gave the sophomore team the city title.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Got your back. Junior **Larry Moore** and Senior **Robert Scott** make their way down the home field. "I started as a bench warmer," Scott said, "and ended as team and offensive MVP."

photo by Josh Adcock

Shut 'em down. During game agianst North, freshman **Kameron Middlebrookes** runs the ball downfield. "We came out and we went to business and did the plays we had to run. It was fun running all over them," Middlebrooks said.

photo by Josh Adcock

It's good. At a home game against Mason City, junior **Matt Shepard** kicks a field goal while junior **Ryan Loman** steadies the ball. Shepard recieved the most valuable special teams player award

photo by Wanakee Carr

Can't touch this. Against Mason City, junior **Troy Jones** tries to evade an opponent. Jones was a running back for the varsity team.

photo by Josh Adcock

Sports

Team record:2-7 varsity, 4-5 JV; 8-1 freshman
Aaron Sheets: 9th grade player of the year
Jason Reynolds: Weidmaier Lineman of the year
Matt Waller: Gruening commitment to excellence award
Dwight Brown: Most valuable defensive player

Chip and Cheer

Budget cuts affect the cheerleaders buy cutting coaches from 3 to 1.

The year started off with a sleepover at the school. There were games of sardines, water arobics, eating, and sleeping in the library. Former coach Kim Jones came back to talk about team unity before bedtime.

Coach **Felicity Croat** had to juggle the competition squad and the regular squads by herself. Between the teams Croat and some of the girls had to spend five days a week in practice.

The competition team worked hard day and night together to travel to Cedar Rapids for the state competition. Although the girls didn't place as high as they wished, many said they enjoyed the experience.

The time on the field was the most enjoyable for junior **Kristen Kennedy**. Many bonds and friendships were made while cheering on cold friday nights.

Golfers were visited by pro golfer Mike McCoy, at one of several team dinners.

Mike Mccoy talked mostly about concentration techniques, and revealed that he golfs mostly at Wakonda.

Freshman **Peter Updegraff** had been playing golf sinces he was five years old and had always been planning on golfing here. He really enjoyed the rewarding year. Especially memorable was the north meet when he scored a 40.

Paul Asjes

Nice tee-off. As freshman **Marshal Fisher**, juniors **Mark Child, Brent Baulderson,** and senior **Austin Olson** wait for their turn to tee off, they watch the opposing team hit into the sun.

photo by Carman Argumedo

Line it up. Junior **Paul Soener** lines up his putt during the Hoover meet. Soener made the 15 foot putt, ending with a 39 total.

photo by Christine Jansen

Over the hill. While at the waveland course, golfers make their way to their next hole. The team placed third in the metro conference.

photo by Aubrey Reser

Swingin' it. Club raised, senior **Alex Hubbell** is about to make contact with his ball. The team had captians for the first time: Hubbell and senior **W.D. Shirley.**

photo by Aubrey Reser

Arabesque. Seniors **Rachel Prueitt, Rachel Ratashak, Liza Sharp,** and sophomore **Danielle Argumedo** get ready for one of their commpetition stunts at practice.

photo by Tanisha Jones

Limber up. Junior **Ebone Bell** gains flexability and avoids injury by stretching out her inner thighs and calves. She did this despite her natural flexability.
photo by Paige Duncan

One, two, down, up. In the wrestling room, sophomore **Julie Wilson** practices her flying skills. Wilson cheered for football and competition before getting injured.
photo by Christine Jansen

Get it together. Senior **Kahara Hunafa** practicies a cheer often used during football games. The cheerleaders usedthe cheer when the football team was down.
photo by Paige Duncan

Go, fight, win. At a JV football game, sophomore **Elise Clayborne** cheers with her fresh new pom poms. This was Clayborne's second year cheering for the football team.
photo by Wanakee Carr

Spirit

Team Record: 3-3 (dual meets), 3rd in CIML championship, 4th at districts
Alex Hubbell: Team Captain
WD Shirley: Team Captain
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Rachel Prueitt: Varsity Captain
Liza Sharp: Varsity Captain

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Winter sports highlights

The biggest highlight for the winter season was the girls basketball team going to state. The last team went in 1989. "It was pretty exciting and it was the best game of the year. They represented the school very well," coach **Tig Johnson** said. The Lady Riders ended up with a record of 15-8 which was the second highest in school history. They set the school record by scoring 98 points against North.

Senior **Jenny Mosher** and freshman **Charmaine Bell** received first team all conference and senior **Tanyana West** received second team. Juniors **Christina Brown** and **Millie Bell** received honorable mention. Charmaine Bell received third all state by the Iowa Newspaper Associate All Team State. The team would return 11 out of the 14 players for next season.

The boys basketball team placed seventh in state and had a 16-6 record. They ended up losing in the substate game against Dowling Catholic. They tied first with Johnston and Ottumwa in the CIML and second in the Metro. Seniors **James Brooks** and **Chad Shannon** received first team all conference and Shannon received third team all state by the Iowa Newspaper Associate All Team State. "All of the games create a sense excitment on our gym," Athletic Director **Keith Ellingston** said.

The wrestling team finsished second in conference and won 15 dual meets during the season. Senior **Matt Waller** was the sole qualifying wrestler for state. Sophomore **James Nicholson** ended up winning 35 matches in a row.

Coach **Jay Groth** got to see his 100th dual meet after being the wrestling coach for ten years. "That was very nice to see during my career so far," Groth said.

The boys swimming team placed thrid at conference and districts. Two relay teams including junior **Billy Samples**, seniors **Clatyton Hamilton** and **David Hanson** went to state. Senior **Matt Adrianse** placed 16th. "It's very interesting since there's no divisions in swimming and placing from the entire state. The team was very young and they improved with every meet," coach **Steve Teter** said.

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1) Sophomore **Nathan Taylor**, sophomore boys basketball, photo by Josh Adcock; 2) Freshman **Theo Ramsey**, jv wrestling, photo by Keshia Palmer; 3) Senior **Tanyana West**, varsity girls basketball, photo by Josh Adcock; 4) Seniors **Jessica Wright**, **Dana Ketcher**, juniors **Kristen Kennedy**, **Keshia Palmer**, **Ebone Bell** and **Demetria Witt**, varsity wrestling cheerleading, photo by Carman Argumedo; 5) Sophomore **Andrea Fizgerald**, JV girls basketball, photo by Christine Jansen; 6) Sophomore **Sarah Taffae**, juniors **Tanisha Jones**, **Randee Taylor**, **Amber Olsen**, and senior **Breeana Kaser**, varsity basketball cheerleading, photo by Josh Adcock; 7) Senior **Chad Shannon**, varsity boys basketball, photo by Josh Adcock; 8) Senior **Steve Batcher**, varsity wrestling, photo by Wanakee Carr; 9) Junior **Phillip Miller** and senior **Matt Adrianse**, Varisty boys swimming, photo by Josh Adcock; 10) Head coach **Tig Johnson**, varsity girls basketball, photo by Josh Adcock

Second Time Around

Lady Riders qualify for state for the first time since 1989.

As the girls varisty basketball team walked into Vets, they looked into the stands and saw the whole student section filled with anxious fans screaming at the top of their lungs for their classmates. On March 10, the Lady Riders took their second trip to state in school history.

Through hard work, practice, as well as team dinners and summer camps, the team learned to grow and work together. "We became more of a team and it wasn't so much one person being a hero," junior **Jasmin McNear** said.

Going into substate finals, the girls knew that it was now or never. Freshman **Charmain Bell** went into the game with the positive mindset, "we got this, we can win this." They came out triumpantly, beating Iowa City West 60-41. Bell was overjoyed for the seniors and the team as they prepared for their trip to Veterans Auditourium.

Although the Lady Riders took a unexpectedly close defeat (52-55), they gave No. two Lincoln a run for their money.

"I really felt that we would win the game. The momentum had changed dramatically in our favor," head coach **Tig Johnson** said.

There were only three seniors on the young team: **Jenny Mosher, Tanyana West, Miriam Chisala.** "I felt my team played hard (against Lincoln); I appreciate them for that," West said.

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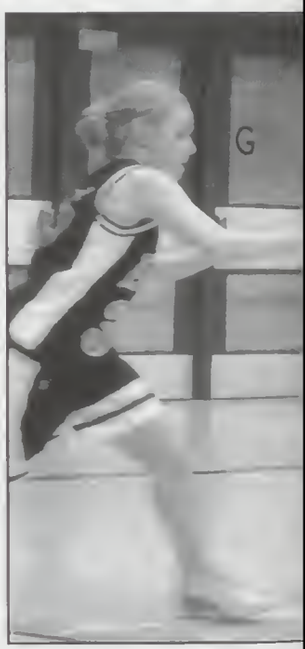

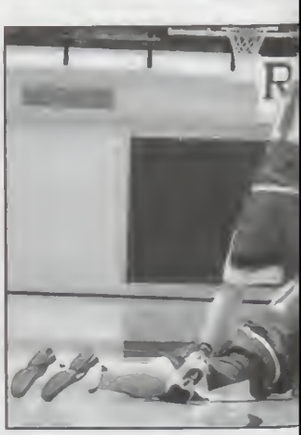

Three points. The starting freshman point gaurd, **Charmain Bell** takes a shot on her home court. Her first game she scored a game high 24 points.

Time out. Sophomores **Tonya Mays, Tiffany Burgess, Quinnetta Claytor** and **Kori Kent,** along with coaches James McNear and Mattlage, plan their next play. The sophomore team record was 13-7.

photos by Josh Adcock

Put it in the hoop. At girls state junior **Margo Tompka** puts up a shot. Tompka's position was a forward, but she was multi-talented and could play any position asked of her.

photo by Josh Adcock

She got hops. Senior **Jenny Mosher** goes up for a rebound against East on their home court. Mosher had a top rebounding game and was the high-scorer against the Scarlets. One of her dreams was to play in the state basketball tournament.

photo by Josh Adcock

Let if fly. During the first round at state, junior **Christina Brown** takes a shot as a Lincoln player runs to block the shot. Brown was named a defenisve player of the year.

photo by Josh Adcock

Spirit fingers. Juniors **Becca Garrison**, **Bridget Fagen**, and **Hillary Courtney**. extend their arms in support for the girls at state. Students, parents, and school staff came out to show their love and cheered to the very end for the lady riders.

photo by Josh Adcock

Fancy footwork. Sophomore **Leigh Hotchkiss** uses her experience and skills to evade the East defense while going down the court. Hotchkiss felt that she and the team had their best game against Lincoln at state.

photo by Kirk Ryan

Keep away. Sophomore **Stephanie Fleckenstein** holds on tight to the ball so Ottumwa doesn't take it on her home court. Fleckenstein said that playing Ottumwa on their home court was the best game because of a double overtime. She also liked playing against East because they played physically and aggressively, the way she liked to play.

photo by Josh Adcock

NO FOOD TODAY

Passing up food is a consequence of wrestling.

"The most extreme thing that I have done to make weight was eating a laxative. It helped me lose a couple of pounds. I thought that it would be a good idea and it worked," sophomore **Geoff Barnes** said. This was not advised by the coach and it was illegal. Making weight was an extremely important part of the wrestling season.

On the other hand the 275 pounder, senior **Jason Reynolds** had an easy season. "I maintained weight by eating four meals a day and snacks in between," Reynolds said. "If it tastes good don't eat it," coach **Jay Groth** advised.

If one of the teammates did not make weight the team suffered if no one wrestled in their spot. Barnes knew exactly what it was like to not make weight. He had to do a lot of up downs.

"I was mad when my teammates didn't make weight because I felt that it wasn't that hard to do," Reynolds said.

The boys got to decide what weight they wanted to wrestle at, and if they didn't make weight "there were physical opportunities for them to reduce their weight in a safe way," Groth said.

For the members of the team that did make weight and maintained it, they had a very strict diet. Most of them brought their own food to meets in lunchboxes. Sophomore **James Nicholson** always brought Naked Juice. "The best juice is Mighty Mango," he said.

Nicholson always brought fruit snacks, Gatorade, water, banana, and sandwiches other than that he took food from others.

Keshia Palmer

Focus. At the district meet, senior **Josh Murray** prepares to take on an opponet. Murray had 129 takedowns in the season.

photo by Keshia Palmer

Escape. Junior **Dwight Brown** tries to get one point with the escape. Brown was a quiet part of the team but a hard worker.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Safety first. After receiving concussions junior **John Richman** wears special head gear and a mouth piece while he wrestles. Richman also injured his finer and ankle during the season.

photo by Keshia Palmer

Set. Sophomore **Anthony Livingston** gets set to escape. Livingston was on junior varsity for two years. "I worked during the off season so I could be better for the actual season," he said.

photo by Keshia Palmer

Shoot. Senior **Jason Reynolds** is ready to take down his man. "The best part of the season was being close to the teammates," he said.
photo by Wanakee Carr

Pin. After a big takedown senior **Matt Waller** goes for the pin. Waller was the only state qualifier in the 189 division.
photo by Dana Bartolomei

Up and out. After getting set, senior **Tyler Christensen** is ready to escape as he waits for the whistle. "The hardest part was waiting for the whistle because you don't know when it will blow and you have to be ready," he said.
photo by Wanakee Carr

Sports

Team record: 15-11
Steve Batcher, **Tyler Haugh**, **Jason Reynolds**, **Matt Waller**: Team captains
Josh Murray : 129 take downs
Matt Waller: state qualifier made it to the quarterfinals.

Seventh in State

The varsity boys basketball team finished its season ranked no. 7 in the state and had a winning record of 16-6.

Although the season ended unexpectedly with a loss to Dowling Catholic at substate, it was one of the most competitive ones seen.

Early in the season the varsity team lost its starting shooting guard senior **PJ Castelline**. That didn't keep them down for long though. "PJ was a big part of our team. He contributed so much, he had a lot of natural talent that we needed," junior **Patrick Zisko** said.

Two players were chosen for first team, seniors **Chad Shannon** and **James Brooks** and two players were chosen for second team, juniors **Sam Aden** and **Dion Curry**. "I played bad in the Ottumua games and I think that is what kept me from making first team," Curry said.

The boys basketball team toppled some of the toughest teams in Iowa including Dowling Catholic, Ames, Marshaltown, Urbandale, and South East Polk. "Once we get started it is hard to stop us, we just went out there and did what we had to," junior **Rodney Sheffield** said.

The team went unnoticed until after the Newton game. The varsity boys finally showed they could play ball. The team then shyed thier way into the No. 9 spot in the state. The boys gained some momentum and jumped up to No. 7 in the 4-A division, the spot they finished the season at.

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Reaching for the stars. Freshman **James Conley** takes the ball hard to the basket. Conley was a huge help during the Johnston game for the sophomore team by attacking hard in the post.

photo by Josh Adcock

Determination. Senior **Tyler Mitchell** scores two points against the Lincoln Railsplitters. Mitchell tried to bring the team up while they were down. The Varsity lost at home but were ready to win the second time they met. They lost by 15 at home and won by 4 at Lincoln.

photo by Josh Adcock

Skyin' high. Senior **Chad Shannon** strives to score over Lincoln's key player. Shannon averaged 16 points a game and scored in the double digits every game but one, the substate game against Dowling Catholic.

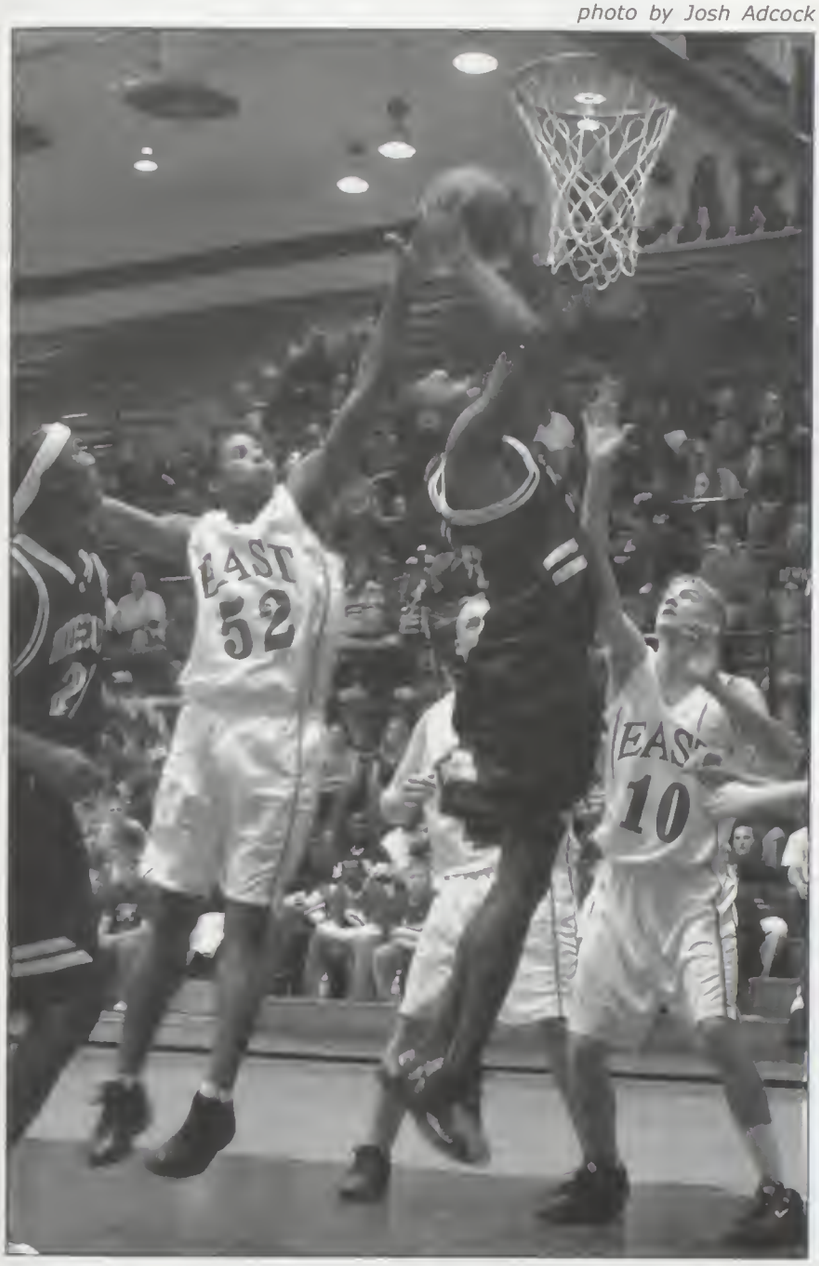
photo by Liz Cooney

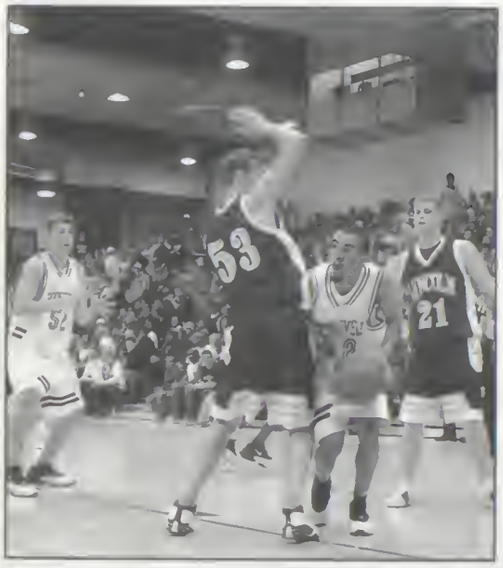
Who says white men can't jump. Sophomore **Edin Suljic** sure can. Sulijic tore it up on the court for the sophomore team. He was 6'5" and couldn't be shut down by most opponents.

photo by Josh Adcock

Almost there. Junior **Dion Curry** tries to put two in during the away game at East. "All season I tried to dunk and couldn't untill the Urbandale game," Curry said. "James Lee passed me the ball and I took it up over a guy and dunked. It felt like I had won a million dollars."

photo by Josh Adcock





You're not stoppin' me. Senior **Tres Glass** looks around a Lincoln player for his options. Glass decided to shoot. He shot 60 percent free throws by the end of the season.

photo by Josh Adcock

Hard work. Senior **Brian Bell** jumps over two players to score during the Ottumwa home game. Bell worked hard all season and was a huge defensive threat to the opponent. He averaged five points a game.

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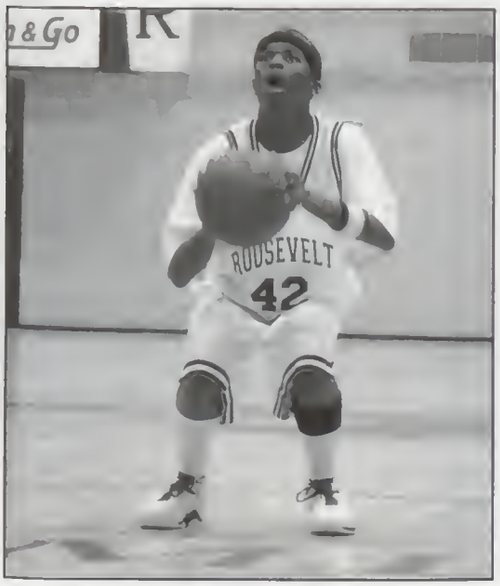

Concentration. In the middle of the season freshman **Paul Hall** moved up to start on the sophomore team from the freshmen team. Hall shot free throws after being fouled during a sophomore game.

photo by Josh Adcock

Sports

Team record: 16-6
Chad Shannon and **Tyler Mitchell**: Varsity captians
Chad Shannon and **James Brooks**: First team all conference
Dion Curry and **Sam Aden**: second team all conference

Tuck and Splash

Swimmers try to improve their status while the cheerleaders attempt to fill the crowds with spirit.

Working hard and trying to make it to state was a goal shared by the cheerleaders and the boys swimming team.

"My dad was a state champion and told me that if I wanted it, it was up to me and that we, as a team, had to be dedicated," senior **Matt Adrianse** said.

The captains faced a lot of difficulties. It was like a soap opera in the locker room. "Guys were fighting over everything from girls, to spots on the relays, to drinking problems," senior **Paul Asjes** said.

Having faced teams who were able to win state, they finished their season 2-10. The team pulled together and defeated rivals S.E. Polk and East.

The team was astonished when they heard that they were sending two relays and two individuals to state. The team ended its year with a surprising splash.

The wrestling cheerleaders rallied around senior **Matt Waller**, the only one who had qualified for state. "We all got together and made shirts to support him," senior **Sarah Escovedo** said.

The basketball cheerleaders helped cheer the girls and boys teams to an outstanding year. The cheerleaders for the girls team went to state, the first time in 15 years. "I had a ball getting the crowd to go crazy," senior **Bree Kaser** said.

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Cheer y'all. Juniors **Carman Argumedo**, **Hannah Albaugh**, and **Brittany Jewett** get the crowd to cheer. The three especially enjoyed cheering at home games.
photo by Josh Adcock

Clapin' it. Freshman **Chelsea Talton** performes her routine for wrestling. This was her first year cheering.
photo by Wanakee Carr

Pom-pom power. Sophomore **Stephanie Jackson** cheers for the boy's basketball team. Jackson also enjoyed cheering for wrestling.
photo by Wanakee Carr

Spirit patrol. The varsity basketball cheerleaders cheer for the girls basketball team at the state tournament. This was their first time cheering at state in 15 years.
photo by Wanakee Carr

Up and out. At a home meet senior **Clayton Hamilton** dives off ablock. Hamilton helped two relays attend the state meet.

photo by Suzie Cownie

Cheer freaks. The boys swim team performs a cheer. The crowd never knew what they chanted.

photo by Suzie Cownie

Turnin' fast. Senior **Paul Asjes** performs his breaststroke turn during a race. Asjes missed going to state by one place. "Everyday I worked on my turn with coach Davis so that I could improve my time," Asjes said.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Sprints

Mens' record: 2-10

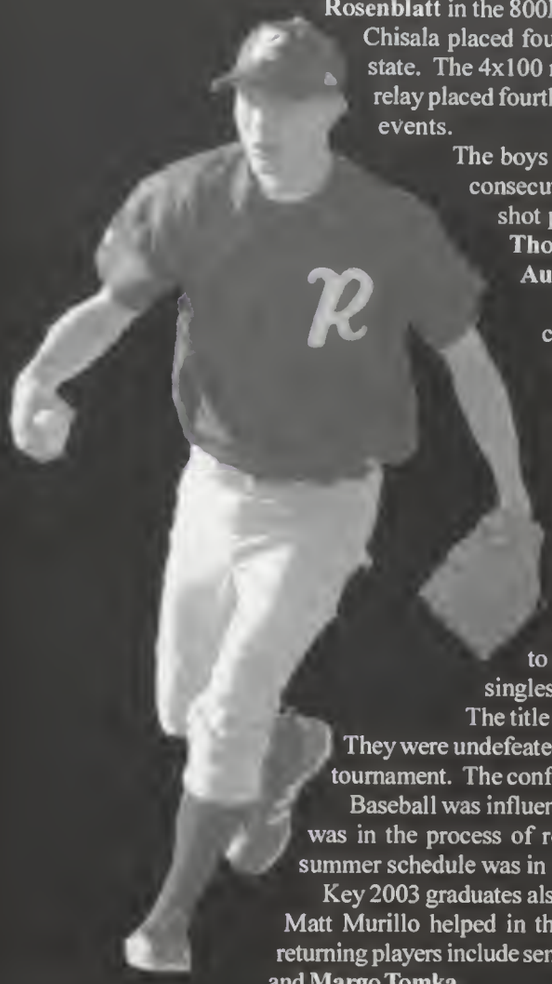
Matt Adrianse: senior co-captain placed 16th at state

Jessica Wright: senior varsity wrestling cheerleader

Spring sports highlights

Perservering through the ever-changing weather, spring athletes toughed it out to bring home conference titles and state placings.

Girls track placed fifth in state. They finished the season as co-CIML champions with Ottumwa. Many girls qualified and placed at state. Junior **Hannah Roeder** competed in the 1500M and 800M, freshman **Kaaydah Nangle** in the 100M, junior **Katie Bartlett** in the discus, senior **Miriam Chisala** in the 200M and 400M, senior **Erin Barnes** in the 200M, **Tanyana West** in the shot put, and junior **Betsy Rosenblatt** in the 800M. Barnes and Chisala places third and fouth in the 200M, while Chisala placed fourth in the 400M also. Three relays also qualified and placed at state. The 4x100 relay placed sixth, the 4x200 relay placed second, and the 4x800 relay placed fourth. Bartlett placed third, while Nangle placed 6th in their individual events.



The boys track team placed second in the district meet and won its sixth consecutive conference title. Brad Claytor set a new school record in the shot put. Some of the state qualifiers included juniors **Kiel Uhl**, **Jon Thomas**, **Bradley Claytor**, sophomore **Yawusa Kinda**, and senior **Austin Williamson**

The boys soccer team played an undefeated season in its conference with a 4-0 record. They played a tough season against top-ranked teams.

The girls soccer team was also conference champions. With many 2003 graduates replaced, the team still managed to have an undefeated 4-0 record in their conference.

The girls tennis team finished the season with a 3-2 record. Junior **Hillary Baehr** was the one participant who qualified for state singles for the third year in a row. She was an athlete for Roosevelt and a student at Des Moines Christian.

The boys tennis team finished with a strong season. As conference and district champions, they had a lot to look forward to in the state meet. Qualifiers included: sophomore **Sam Raife** for singles, and senior **Dash Kelley** and junior **Neil Anderson** for doubles.

The title of conference champions was also gained by the girls golf team. They were undefeated in their conference dual meet schedule and won the conference tournament. The conference champion was junior **Greta Sullivan**.

Baseball was influenced by the new coaching staff. New head coach Beau Hampton was in the process of replacing not only coaches but also 2003 graduates. A tough summer schedule was in store.

Key 2003 graduates also had to be replaced on the softball team. Returning head coach Matt Murillo helped in the process of hiring two new assistant coaches. Some of the returning players include seniors **Liz Morris** and **Dana Bartolomei** and juniors **Nikki Parkey** and **Margo Tomka**.

Julia Wilson

1) Senior **Caitlin Graham**, freshman **Katie Swartwood**, sophomore **Alexis Baker**, freshman **Liz Proctor**, Sharks, photo by Josh Adcock; 2) Senior **Christy Carey**, girls tennis, photo by Josh Adcock; 3) Junior **Millie Bell**, girls varisty track, photo by Tanisha Jones 4) Sophomore **Annie Myers**, jv girls soccer, photo by Megan Ashley; 5) **Kelsey Mitchell**, softball, photo by Josh Adcock; 6) **Andrew Thompson**, boys tennis, photo by Josh Adcock;7) Juniors **Keil Uhl** and **Jon Thomas**, varsity track, photo by Andie Naylor; 8) Senior **Ken Redd**, varsity baseball, photo by Wanakee Carr; 9) Junior **Kelsey Smith**, girls varsity soccer, photo by Megan Ashley; 10) Senior **Enes Elesovic**, boys varisty soccer; photo by Wanakee Carr; 11) **Claire Wood**, girls golf, photo by Sarah Hunter; 12) **Marshall Fisher**, boys jv/varsity soccer, photo by Wanakee Carr; 13) **Tyler Rokey**, varsity baseball, photo by Wanakee Carr.

Run Kick Score

Two young teams practiced hard to improve and grow together.

Two things the boys and girls soccer teams had in common was that both were young teams and the players drove out to Allibar fields to practice daily.

While the girls practiced from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. the boys practiced from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The boys had morning practices from 6 a.m. to 6:45 a.m. on most days of the week, sometimes even on game days.

A daily practice for the girls started with a 20 minute run around the field and then they did some obstacle courses where they jumped. ran and did touch and shooting drills to help with contorl.

"The coach is really enthusiastic about teaching us to get better since we lost so many seniors," senior **Alex Beatty** said.

Before a game the girls followed a Brazilian warm up in which they ran up and down the field and then went into blue and white teams and played possession.

The boys practices weren't too different. In the afternoon they did a lot of diffrent drills and sometimes they scrimaged. The morning practices were for fitness. They had to run around on the track and do a sit ups and push ups.

"It was hard because I couldn't eat anything in the mornings," junior **Matt Adcock** said.

Both being young teams they found time to bond outside the field by having team dinners. The girls had a team dinner every once in a while beforc a game, while they boys had one every Wednesday night.

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Sing along. During a team dinner freshmen **Hannah Demoret** and **Melissa Thompson** play guitar for sophomore **Molly McMahon**, junior **Christina DeMuth** and freshman **Taylor Gray**. *photo by Wanakee Carr*

Trap it. During the Johnston game senior **Stephanie Beaman** traps the ball for control that has just been thrown in. This was her second year on varsity after taking off one year.
photo by Megan Ashley

Nice steal. Freshman **Amelia Brokning** makes a smooth move and gets away from her Johnston opponent. That night all of the underclassmen had to play a double-header because of the number of players on the team.
photo by Megan Ashley

Get the ball. Frehman **Marshall Fisher** and sophmore **Tiger Nietters** battle for the ball during a scrimmage in practice. It was both players first year playing varsity.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Steal. Senior **Mike Walker** steals the ball away from a North player and heads to the goal. Walker played on varisty all four years.

I got it. Freshman **Sam Lepley** and sophomore **Brent Balderson** both go for the ball during a practice one-on-one drill. One-on- one skills were esential to playing at a varsity skill level.

photos by Wanakee Carr

Get the ball. Sophmore **Fionna Fallon** tries to out run her opponent to the ball. Fallon played JV for her second year while also participating in track.

photo by Megan Ashley

Right, left, than fake. Varsity starting frehsman **Taylor Gray** pulls a major move past her North opponent. Gray sprained her arm in the next game against Marshalltown. As a result, she had to sit out for a week because of the injury.

photo by Jasmina Pandur

Switch it up. **Haifz Ibrahim** gets control of the ball during a home game against Ames and tries to switch the field. The boys took home a victory that night with a score of 4-0.

photo by Jasmina Pandur

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Team record: Conference champions

Christina Brown:Varsity team chaptain

Sydney Bardole : JV leading scorer

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Team record:Conference champions, State qualifier

Mac Fisher: Team Captain

Danny Flattery: Team Captain

At Top Speed

It was during the spring when the boys and girls track teams began their season in preparation for the Drake relays.

During April 23rd through the 27th the best runners were sent to Drake in order to win what they could.

Senior **Espree Stewart** got an early start in preparing for the Drake Relays. "My first experience was during elementary school. I remember it being more fun back then. We didn't think about it too much," Stewart said. Now preparation for Drake Relays was more important. "It's a tradition for me, Erin, Domo, and Liza to pray before we run," Stewart said.

A funny experience did occur when Stewart ran into senior **Erin Barnes** while passing the baton. "We didn't get disqualified, it just slowed our time. But I was afraid we were going to miss the exchange zone," Stewart said. Their team came in 7th out of the top 8 teams in Iowa.

Junior **Kiel Uhl**, who ran the previous year, enjoyed the differences in the Drake Relays. "The weather was really nice," Uhl said, "and there was more team competition, which means less in the state. It made our team stronger."

Unfortunately junior **Troy Jones** did not get to participate because he passed out two days before the relats and had pulled a hamstring. "Otherwise, I probably would have run," Jones said.

"Overall, the season has been up and down, but the Drake Relays were good," coach **Joe McQuerry** said.

Tanisha Jones

Drake Relays. Senior **Erin Barnes** competes in the Drake Relays, running the 4 x 4. "Drake Relays was a real learning experience for me," Barnes said.
photo by Jasmina Pandur

1st place. Senior **Mariam Chisala** takes the lead in a 4 x 4 during the Drake Relays. "I just prayed in preparation," Chisala said, who began running track at a young age.
photo by Jasmina Pandur

Jumpin high. Junior **Charles Shetworth Shook** works on his form while practicing long jump. "I've been long jumping for two years, and it's the main thing I do. I can jump really far," Shetworth Shook said.
photo by Josh Adcock

Runnin hard. Although it's not his favorite sport, junior **Yawusa Kinda** runs hard during a practice. "Back in Africa, I played soccer, but I began running because most of my friends were on the track team," Kinda said.
photo by Andie Naylor

Takin a break. Juniors **Millie Bell, Glenna Palimore** and senior **Tanky West** take a break before their next run. "I wanted Tanky to give me a back massage," Bell said.

Holding blocks. Junior **Jasmin McNear** gets ready to hold blocks for a teammate. McNear enjoyed the track season and said the hard work finally paid off. "We were glad to win conference for coach, since he's leaving," she said.
photos by Tanisha Jones

Jumpin high. Sophmore **Elise Claiborne** practices jumping hurdles during a track practice after school. Claiborne jumped hurdles throughout the season, and wanted to make it one of her main strengths.

photo by Kelsey Wheeler

Slowin' it down. Junior **Peter Cade** starts to slow down the pace during one of coach **Joe McQuerry's** tough work outs. "It includes six 200s, six 150s, ten 100s and six 50 meter runs, and they were very hard," Cade said.

photo by Andie Naylor

With the baton. Junior **Mallory Jones** runs with the baton in a 4 x 8. "This first year running track was hard so finishing the season out was a n accomplishment for me," Jones said.

photo by Tanisha Jones

No Shoes. Freshmen **Brandon Richardson** and **Jeremy Batiste** watch as freshman **Jayon Johnson** runs out of blocks. "I just didn't feel like going to my locker to get my shoes," Johnson said.

photo by Josh Adcock

Sports

Team Record: 2nd in district, 6th repeat conference title, 4th at state

Bradley Claytor: Most improved, school reocrd holder

Team Record:5th at state, 4x200 2nd at state, CIML co-champions,

Mariam Chisala: 3rd, 4th place at state in 200m and 400m.

Katie Bartlett: 3rd at state in shot put

Hit That Ball

Young teams play strong through the season after losing several boy and girl varsity players who graduated.

After losing most of the team, which graduated last year, the boys tennis team made quite a comeback. Coach **Deb Stetson** said that she had high hopes for them in future years, since it was such a young team.

"We do have a young team, but that's not going to stop us," junior **Alex Edge** said. Edge had played since his freshman year. This was the season that Edge finally made varsity.

Sophomore **Josey Strathe** had never been on a tennis team before high school and tried it out just for fun and ended up sticking with it. She played for Dowling prevously and thought that it was done a lot differently here. However, different, for her, was good. She enjoyed the coach, players, and practices here a lot more than she ever had before. "It's a sport that you work hard at but still have fun with at the same time," Strathe said.

Sophomore **Hanna Henson** played as No. 7 of the 10 varsity players and had hopes to be higher up. Before beginning the season, however, she had to make the difficult choice of choosing between tennis and track but knew that because she would make varsity for tennis, it was the better choice for her and the girls tennis team.

"Playing tennis is like painting your nails, it's something that you have to do a lot to perfect," Henson said.

H na lb g

Goin' for the green. During a varsity match against Hoover, junior **Alex Edge** hits the ball straight at his opponent. Edge played as No. 10 on the varsity team.

Baseball. Sophomore **Josey Strathe** hits the ball just like she would a baseball. Having a sucker in her mouth at the beginning of almost each practice was also another weird thing she was known to do.

Jumping for joy. Junior **Jeff Loeb** serves the ball during an afternoon practice. Teammates said that almost every time Loeb served he would jump up to hit the ball.

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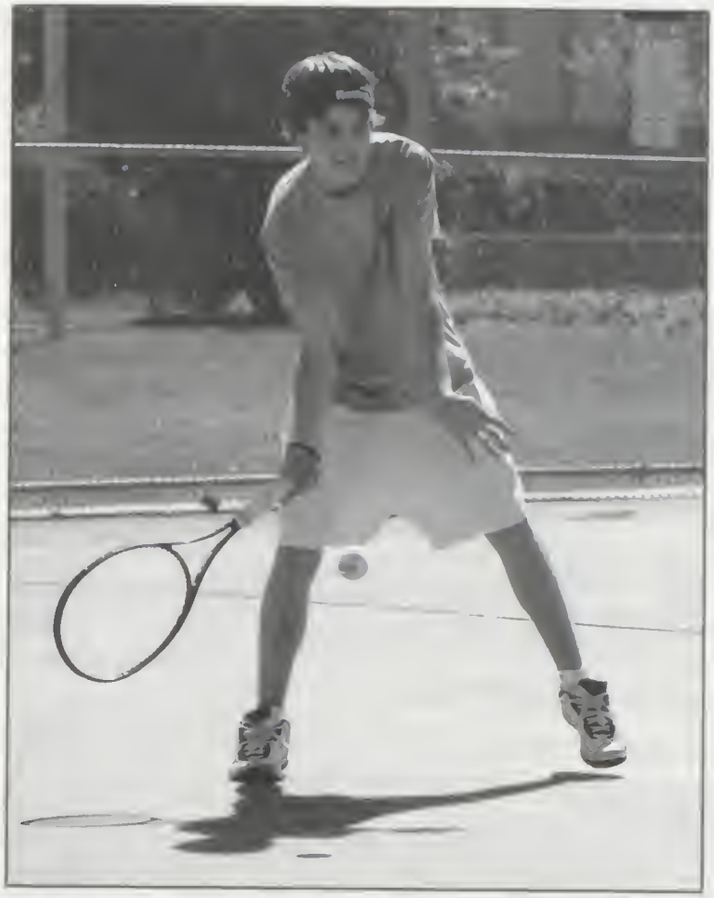
Passing the ball. Sophomore **Jordan Pennington** goes for the tennis ball on the Waveland home court. Playing at home made a lot of the players feel more comfortable about their game because of the familiar surroundings.

Look at me. Sophomore **Ramsey Carey** shows off his style while playing in the home meet against Hoover. He was often seen sporting his blue and white striped pants.



Watch out. Senior **Christy Carey** makes a quick move in order to reach the ball on time. Spur of the moment reflexes, like this one, were what got the team members through their matches.

Waiting to start. Sophomore **Sam Raife** waits for his opponent to serve him the ball during a match. Raife was No. 1 on the boys varsity tennis team throughout the whole season and ended up winning his match at the conference meet.

Spurs

Team Record:
Boys conference champs
overall record: 6-3

Team Record:
Girls 3rd place conference
overall record: 3-4

STRIKE A POSE

Friendship played a big role as two different teams came together for support.

With everything else freshmen had to worry about, making Sharks crossed 6 freshmen minds. "The day of tryouts for Sharks was more scary then the first day of school, I wanted to make it so bad," freshman **Hannah Hutchison** said. Sharks practiced every day in the cafeteria for 2 hours in January and February, then they started doing water practices. "Being a senior was a lot different, there is more stress," senior **Natalie Scarpino** said. Scarpino and senior **Caitlin Graham** were co-presidents.

With all of the hard work the Sharks put on the '80's Babies' themed pageant in April. "I was really happy with pageant, especially the ushers. They were great," Scarpino said .

Due to budget cuts being paired up with the Hoover girls golf team was a new thing. "The golf team is real relaxed but it's still competitive too, not like any other sport," sophomore **Liz Cooney** said. Cooney was a member of the varsity team. Other members of the varsity team included senior **Megan Jones**, juniors **Greta Sullivan**, **Bianca Lucht**, and sophomore **Anna Jones**.

The golf team practiced every day except Fridays, which the girls loved. Freshman **Megan Pederson** played on the JV team and had played with her dad since she was six years old.

The lift. Sophomore **Emily Cumbie-Drake** tries to keep her balance. "I was on top of the lift because I was the smallest person in tall," Cumbie-Drake said.

photo by Sarah Hunter

Get your groove on. Freshman **Hannah Hutchison** dances on the deck before jumping into a routine. "The dancing was fun eventhough I was hoping that I wouldn't slip and fall," Hutchison said.

photo by Josh Adcock

Stroke it baby. Sophomore **Liz Cooney** practices her golf swing. "I like to go golfing with my family sometimes and that's how I decided to go out for the sport in high school. I'm planning on golfing until I graduate from high school and then playing it leisurely after high school," Cooney said.

photo by Josh Adcock

Putt putt. Freshman **Megan Pederson** puts the ball into the golf hole. "It can be intimidating to put the ball in because you are so close and a little mistake can make you miss. Even though we all made mistakes the girls on the team were nice and supportive. They were usually happy no matter what," Pederson said.

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Uniformity. Juniors **Carloyn Bartlett**, **Abbie Ginther**, freshman **Liz Proctor**, sophomore **Alexis Baker**, **Keeley Frahm-Lowe**, **Sara Heilman**, **Hannah Honsey**, freshmen **Hannah Hutchison**, and **Ellen Swieskowski** practice group one. Senior **Abby Bartine** choreographed the number.

Swimmin' sisters. Junior **Abbie Ginther**, freshman **Ellen Swieskowski**, junior **Paige Duncan**, sophomore **Jordan Croft**, and junior **Kendra Schaaf** swim together during Group 1. "We all goofed around during practice but then got serious towards pageant," Duncan said.

photos by Paul Asjes

One more application. Junior **Abbie Ginther** touches up her makeup one last time before the saturday night performance. Saturday night was usually the most relaxing night of pageant because the crowd was mostly filled with friends who cheered the girls on.

photo by Sarah Hunter

Spirits

Megan Jones and **Greta Sullivan**: Golf captains
Caitlin Graham and **Natalie Scarpino**: Shark Presidents
Anna Jones: sole sophomore varsity golfer
Abbie Ginther: first year Shark as a junior

IT'S OUTTA HERE

Baseball attempts to recieve another conference championships.

Head coach Pat Yachinich left to coach at Grand View College. Coach Yachinich turned the baseball club around by building up a strong pitching and outfielding team. "We may have lost one of the best coaches in the state," sophomore **Andy Krekel** said.

The varsity team had returned senior **Danny Rohrs** who had recieved three letters and a first team all-conference award. Senior **Tyler Mitchell** and junior **Sam Aden** returned after receiving second team all-conference the previous season.

The varsity baseball team graduated all but three key starters. "We are still arguably one of the best teams in the metro conference even though we lost so much," Aden said.

Softball team ended season with winning record.

Head coach Matt Murillo graduated three star players but also returned many solid starters including seniors **Liz Morris**, **Dana Bartolomei**, juniors **Nicole Parkey**, **Paige Sweet**, **Katie Bartlett**, and **Margo Tomka**.

"We have a good all around team that will return. We have good defense and a excellent pitching program," Bartolomei said.

"We lost a lot of players but we have a lot of capable younger players that will help the team out," Tomka said.

Paige Duncan

Hurry up. Sophomore **Andy Krekel** waits for a pitch. "It gets tiring waiting for them to pitch during practice because coach always talks to them while I am crouching there waiting for the ball to come," Krekel said.
photo by Paige Duncan

Time to get serious. Sophomore **David Bartine** winds up to throw a pitch during pitching practice before the season started. Bartine went to pitching practice 3 or 4 times a week to prepare for the season ahead.
photo by Hillary Courtney

Swingin' hard. Junior **Steve Troge** takes a practice swing pitched by junior **Jon Fong**. Troge was nailed by a pitch minutes before and was recovering.
photo by Hillary Courtney

In with the new. Coaches Hampton and Murph are the new varsity coaches this season. Hampton came from Ames High School.
photo by Hillary Courtney

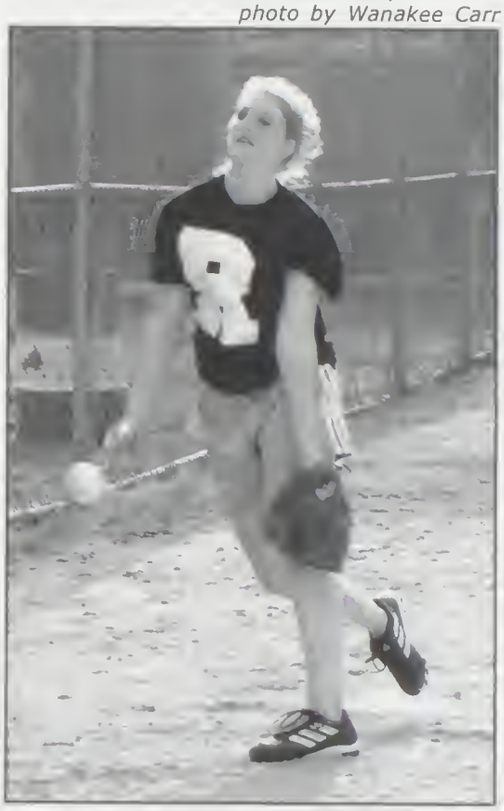
Winding up. Junior **Jon Fong** pitches to sophomore **Andy Krekel** in practice. "I've been pitching since I was 5 or 6 years old," Fong said.
photo by Paige Duncan

Watch this. Sophomore **Angelica Corbin** throws the ball during a drill on their first day of practice while sophomores **Addie Knight** and **Kala Jones-Stokes** look on.

photo by Josh Adcock

Concentration. Senior **Dana Bartolomei** pitches to junior **Katie Bartlett** during practice. Bartolomei pitched varsity.

photo by Wanakee Carr



Strike a pose. Freshman **Janell Nicholson** uses all her might to throw the ball during warm-ups to the outfield during their first week of practice. "The first week of practice was really hard because no one was in shape and the coaches push you the hardest at the beginning of the season when you don't have any games coming up," Nicholson said.

photo by Josh Adcock

Perfect stance. Junior **Katie Bartlett** prepares for senior **Dana Bartolomei's** pitch. Katie played high school softball since she was a freshman.

photo by Wanakee Carr

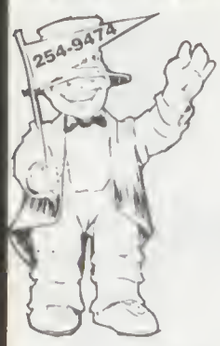
Brace yourself. Junior **Margo Tomka** gives it her all while throwing the ball to second base. Tomka was known for her strength. She was able to throw the ball from out field all the way to home plate.

photo by Josh Adcock

Sports

Sam Aden: 2nd team all-conference
Tyler Mitchell: 2nd team all-conference
Danny Rohrs: First team all-conference
Dana Bartolomei: 1st team all-conference, special mention all-state.
Margo Tomka: 1st team all-conference, honorable mention all-state.

It's time for
HUNGRY HOBO



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Awww. Seniors **Ben Fallon** and **Caitlin Wells** back in the day. Parents picked out these pictures for baby ads.
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Picture perfect. Seniors **Wanakee Carr**, **Joe Honsey**, and **Rafaela Pfister** represent advertiser nFocus Photography.
photo courtesy of nFocus

Stand up. Junior **Christine Jansen**, above, and sophomore **Alexis Baker**, juniors **Becka Garrison** and **Bridget Fagan** represent their places of employment. Dairy Queen and Iowa Bakery Cafe were two local favorites.
photos by Hanna Albaugh

This section received the most emphasis when students looked through the book. It included team pictures, club pictures, baby ads, ads, the index, colophon and closing.

Everyday students lined up at their classroom doors waiting for the lunch bell to ring. When it finally did they bolted out the doors and met up with their friends in the cafeteria and at their cars. The lucky upperclassmen peeled out of the parking lots and headed to various favorite lunchtime destinations such as Subway, Bauders, Bruegger's, Iowa Bakery Café, Burger King and Tasty Tacos, faithful advertisers in the yearbook.

The uniformity of team and club pictures reminded us of all the good times we had at practices, games, and meetings. Often many students missed the day their club was to be photographed and consequently were left out of the picture.

Parents covertly submitted baby pictures of their soon to be graduates immortalizing their youth. Which photos they had chosen was a surprise to the graduates until they picked up their yearbooks at registration in August.

The index was most likely the first thing looked at as students searched the columns of names to find where they were while the closing summed up the highlights of the year.

emphasis

p. 170-228 find where you fit in the index, ads, and closing

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Varsity and jv volleyball
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Freshmen volleyball
First row: Kat Baustian, Norah Robertson, Stephanie Hartman, Ashlee Waddell, Jessica Burnham, Tamerra Roovaart, Jessica Nelson. Row 2: Melissa Oleson, Megan Ayala, Joanna Qualm, Ashley Maliey, Dana Witherspoon, Hannah Rohert. Back row: Ellen Held, Amanda Mosher, Kristina Cox, Coach Maria Mattiace, Coach Deidra Blin, Sierra Williams, Maggie Taha, Joyce Payer.

Girls cross country
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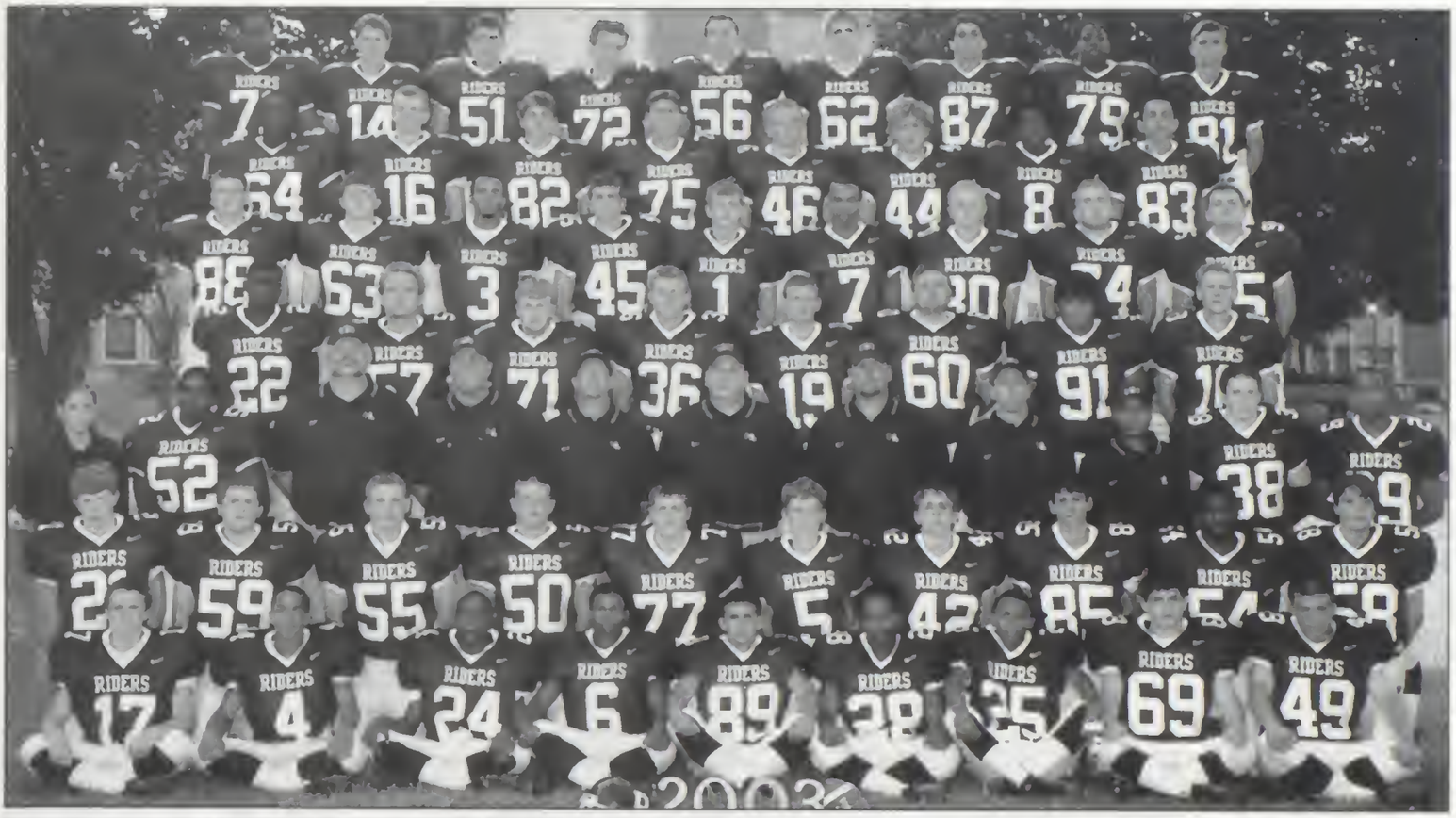

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Varsity cheerleading
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JV cheerleading
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Boys Swimming
Front Row: Sam Wells, Justin Plasket, Andy Davis, John Teter, Peter Updegraff. Row 2: Clayton Craiger, Isaac Quijano, Pieter VerSteeg, Cory Poff, Glenn Clark, Jeff Gutfreund, Ian Dunbar. Row 3: Manager Emily Wieland, Manager Sarah Gutgsell, Steve Cullen, Frank Hansman, Billy Samples, David Arentson, Mark Child, Phil Miller, Ben Miller-Todd, ManagerDana Ketcher. Back row: Mark Ridnour, Mark Van Dyck, Cliff Mayo, Matt Adrianse, Clayton Hamilton, Paul Asjes, David Hanson, Manager Lydia Clark, Coach Steve Teter, Coach Steve Davis.

Girls swimming
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Varsity wrestling
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Freshmen boys basketball
Front row: Paul Hall, Jamar Birch, Sam Lepley, Mychal Hudson, Brandon Young, Kameron Middlebrooks. Row 2: James Conley, Zack Warner, Demarquis Green, Jared Underwood, Rayvon Miller. Back row: Tom Harmon, Moses Salamanca, Coach Dan Sickles, Head Coach Matt Murillo, Fabian Brown, Nathan Dolan.

Freshmen girls basketball
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Sophomore boys basketball
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Sophomore girls basketball
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Varsity girls basketball
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Boys track
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Boys tennis
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Girls tennis
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Varsity boys soccer
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JV boys soccer
Front row: Nabil Yassin, Adam Puls, Charlie Elverson, Kyle Vansice, Nate Nielson, Aidin Ramic, Max Chisala, Rich Wootten. Row 2: Adnan Velgic, Landon Hatcher, Wilbert Faquada, Samir Duric, Tyler Shetler, Randy Avurto, Thi Nquyen, Damir Duratovic. Back row: Jorge Moran, Bandak Deng, Stojan Velteic, Coach Brandon Hope, Esmir Suljic, Ahmed Assad, Kemal Suljic, Subhan Rahi.

Varsity girls soccer
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JV girls soccer
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Girls golf
Front row: Hoover student Heather Fosburgh, Jamie Spiering, Anna Jones, Greta Sullivan, Bianca Lucht, Hoover student Lawrell Birk. Back row: Hoover student Becky Ward, Megan Jones, Liz Cooney, Coach Orbie Boggs, Maggie Dolan, Megan Pederson, Hoover student Laura Briggs. Not pictured: Claire Wood

JV wrestling cheerleaders
Front Row: Kari Campfield,Katarina Ezell,Tayla Simmons,Brittan Alford. Back row: Carlotta Woods, Leah Pope

Varsity wrestling cheerleaders
Front row: Keshia Palmer, Demetria Witt. Row 2: Kristen Kennedy, Ebone Bell, Clare Bridgford. Back row: Rachel Prucitt, Jessica Wright, Dana Ketcher.

Varsity basketball cheerleaders
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JV basketball cheerleaders
Front row: Danielle Argumedo, April Sals, Senada Alibasic. Back row: Channing Cason, Keryna Thompson-Banks.

Varsity basketball cheerleaders
Front row: Thondra Bradley, Amber Olson, Breeana Kaser. Back row: Janicka Love, Esence Lloyd.

Baseball
Front row: Nathan Riggle, Tim Dilulio, Jason Parry, Alex Covill, Tyler Rokey, Steve Batcher, Andy Krekel. Row 2: Danny Rohrs, Andrew Thompson, Alex Edge, Jared Kent, Jon Fong, Drew Peckumn, Ben Norris. Back row: Billy Samples, Nathan Cox, Steve Troge, Pat Zisko, Tyler Mitchell, Sam Aden, Ken Redd, Frank Kouri, Mark Van Dyck.

Softball
Front row: Alex Chafa, Jennie Oler, Lindsey Turner, Nadia Jones, Hannah Koch. Back row: Coach Keimeg, Kelsey Mitchell, Liz Corson, Brittany Hollingsworth, Morgan Scholl, Julianne Gregor, Emily Curry, Coach Andy Briggs.

Newspaper
Front row: Jon Thomas, Brianna Baldi, Katie Wright, Jess Bastian, Fionna Fallon, Sydney Bardole, Levi Miller. Row 2: Maya Pocock, Alexis Baker, Franky Colbert, Louis Richter, Krystal Van Pelt, Nermin Imsirovic, Jordi Mumma-Colman, adviser Lisa Swegle. Back row: Alex Larsen, James McClaskey, Sam Aden, Morgen Douglas, Frank Hansman, Ali Kuker, Jamiea Greene, Tim Dunlap, Austin Smith, Charlie Frederici. Not pictured: Stacey Hunnell.

R club
Front row: Allison Peyton, Kate Lidgett, Caitlin Graham, Sarah Wine, Addie Knight, Keshia Palmer, Emili Johnson. Row 2: Samatha Wiekard, Lindsey Purdy, Jordan Pennington, Kelsey Smith, Marina Vasiljevic, Alexis Baker, Sandy Cloe. Back row: Betsy Rosenblatt, Emily Cumbie-Drake, Maya Pocock, Mollie McMahon, Jasmina Pandur, Edina Aganbegovic, Dionne Trumbo.

Conflict managers
Front row: Hillary Courtney, Kate Lidgett, Sarah Wine, Stephanie Jackson, Hanna Albaugh, Chika Igokwe. Row 2: Natalie Krekel, Tegan Isleman. Back row: Al Foote, Tim Hines, Alex Edge, Collins Eboh.

Running club
Front row: Shalisa Gladney, Travis King, Melissa Oleson, Joanna Qualm. Back row: Jamar Birch, Ashley McDonald, Helen Freude, Ellen Held, Coach Steve Brown.

Blue flamingo club
Front row: Hanna Henson, Megan Whetstone, Hanna Albaugh. Back row: Emily Burney, Natalie Krekel, Hilary Woodhouse, Jessica Dodge.

Earth club
Liz Corson, Anne St. Clair, Ellen Held, Hannah Rohret, Melissa Oleson.
Not Pictured: Amelia Browning, Ryan McCormick.

Best buddies
Front row: Carolyn Bartlett, Meggen Whiteley, Angela Oberlander, Drew Brown, Meredith Pocius, Afton Polk, Jasmine Pearson, Myra Bassman Back row: Lee Carr, Lisa Brown, Nate Riggle, Daniel Moklestad, Paige Richards, Liz Cooney, Katherine Lundberg, Patty Cunningham.

Student council
Front row: Melissa Oleson, Kate Lidgett, Alexis Baker, Jordan Pennington, Wanakee Carr, Russonda Jackson, Gabriela Gomez. Row 2: Dominique Trumbo, Katie Wright, Emily Cumbie-Drake, Katherine Lundberg, Carlye Sikkink, Nicole Wichtendahl, Alex Black. Back row: James McClaskey, Roland Harris, Dionne Trumbo, John Kennedy, Alex Edge, John Hall, Justin Wilson.

Debate team
Front row: Anna McDermott, Steve Banks, Judy Crane, Shalisa Gladney, Indira Blazevic. Back row: Ana Arriaga, Sam Fairfield, Nick Leimer, Kevin Singleton, Alex Borzo.

Mock trial
Front row: Alyssa Mowitz, Ana Arriaga, Indira Blazevic, Kate Conlow, Aaron Lindebak, Ashley O'Daye.

Rock'n prevention
Front row: Leah Pope, Hanna Henson, Emili Johnson, Allison Peyton. Back row: Hanna Hansen, Shannon Archer, Al Foote, Kevin Bramwell, Nora Altemeier, Courtney Hoffman.

Optimist club
Hillary Courtney, Alisha Cavanagh, Brittany Williamson, Meredith Pocius, Rachel Selden, Christine Jansen, Cassie White, Bridget Fagan, Bekah Garrison.

Key club
Front row: Chika Igbokwe, Jenna Spiering, Anne Lingwall, Thom Mahler, Dominque Trumbo. Row 2: Julie Wilson, Cynthia Young, Kate Lidgett, Sarah Taffae, Abbie Ginther, Kirsten Cooley, Colleen Pokorney. Back row: Kathryn Lundberg, Kate Conlow, Sarah Gutgsell, Sarah Ringleb, John Spinks, Jon Hill, Ellen Butler.

Spanish club
Front row: Christina Demuth, Emily Varn, Ellen Butler, Alyssa Mowitz, Kathryn Lundberg, Bethany Sorensen.

Fed challenge team
Front: Andrew Thompson, Alex Hubbell, Dash Kelley, David Mason, Drew Peckumn, Todd Szabo.

Bowling club
Front row: Amber Thill, Jessie Myers, Megan Coppola, Andrea Herrick, Stephanie Jackson, Jennie Haney. Back row: Megan McAfee, Sean Davidson, C.J. Osterhoudt, Max Baldwin, Terry Haus.

French club
Front row: April Romans, Bridget Hill, Rebecca Hunnell, Kirsten Jacobsen. Back row: Stephanie McConeghey, Ana Arriaga, Alex Black, Levi Palmer, Ben Brown.

National honor society
(Alphabetical) Sara Alvarez, Josh Anderson, Neil Anderson, Ana Arriaga, Emily Balch, Abby Bartine, Carolyn Bartlett, Kathryn Bartlett, Dana Bartolomei, Stephanie Beaman, Alex Beatty, Samantha Beebout, Jodi Birkey, Indira Blazevic, Megan Bolin, Oliver Borzo, Chelsea Brightman, Christina Brown, Glenn Burmeister, Emily Burney, Ellen Butler, Christine Carey, Wanakee Carr, Alisha Cavanagh, Brenna Cawthorn, Natalie Chadwick, Lydia Clark, Kathryn Conlow, Kiersten Cooley, Meredith Cooney, Megan Coppola, Hillary Courtney, Caitlin Crispin, Ben Dahlberg, Rachel Davis, Laura Deavers, Christina Demuth, Maggie Dolan, Cui In Dong, David Drustrup, Tim Fairfield, Rachel Farr, Mac Fisher, Brett Fitzgerald, Solange Franklin, Charles Frederici, Nick Frey, Anna Gajdel, Rebecca Gernes, Meredith Ghrist, Abbie Ginther, Trevaris Glass, Caitlin Graham, Merzudin Gurda, Sarah Gutgsell, Mary Haege, David Hanson, Patrice Hawkins, Emily Hephner, Grant Hewins, Bridget Hill, William Holtze, Alex Hubbell, Anna Hudson, Kristy Huynh, Tegan Isleman, Brittnay Jewett, Jessica Johnson, Jordan Jones, Megan Jones, Barnes Kelley, Dash Kelley, Rebecca Kehm, Kristen Kennedy, Jessica Kiel-Wornson, Anne Lingwall, Jeffery Loeb, Bianca Lucht, Chau Ly, Megan McAfee, Thomas Mahler, Katherine McCormick, Deanna McGarity, Ari Micich, Phill Miller, Ben Miller-Todd, Kathryn Milobar, Tyler Mitchell, David Moll, Ashly Moore, Alyssa Mowitz, Jamie Nelson, Neil Neumann, Alex Nielsen, Ian O'Donnell, Merry Off, Austin Olson, Keshia Palmer, Nikki Parkey, Drew Peckumn, Allison Peyton, Afton Polk, Rachel Prueitt, Lindsey Purdy, Paige Purdy, Paige Richards, Nathan Riggle, Sarah Ringleb, Jacob Rosenblatt, Claire Sabin, Ariel Sandler, William Scherle, Elise Schiltz, Matthey Schuling, Liza Sharp, Carlye Sikkink, Elizabeth Silbermann, Caitlin Sims, Peter Sloterdyk, Kelsey Smith, Paul Soener, Bethany Sorensen, Jenna Spiering, Kathryn Spitler, Marnie Strate, Rebecca Stubbs, Paige Sweet, Katarzyna Szemplinska, Andrew Tatge, Andrew Thompson, Margo Tomka, Steven Troge, Kiel Uhl, Emily Varn, Michael Walker, Matthew Waller, Maura Walsh, Thomas Waters, Lauren Wendehl, Meagan Whetstone, Tim Wieland, Austin Williamson, Brittany Williamson, Edward Wilson, Amber Wines, Hilary Woodhouse, Erin Woolwine.

Water polo
(Names not in order) Megan McAfee, Alex Lifka-Reselman, Molly Dougherty, Sydney Bardole, Jeff Gutfreund, Sam Wells, Mallory Howard, Roi Choi, Ian Dunbar, Peter Ver Steeg, John Teter, Paul Asjes, Sarah Gutgsell, Lydia Clark, Coach Steve Davis, Glenn Clark, Blair Haneltorp, Cait Sutie, Katie Wright, Kory Weaver, Clayton Hamilton, Katie Rosenblatt, Emily Wieland, Abbie Ginther, Matt Adrianse, David Hanson.

Sharks
Front row: Emily Wieland, Katie Swartwood, Liz Proctor, Hannah Hutchinson, Ellen Swieskowski, Anna McDermott. Row 2: Sara Heilman, Jordan Pennington, Keeley Frahm-Lowe, Hannah Honsey, Emily Cumbie-Drake, Alexis Baker, Kate Lidgett, Jordan Croft. Row 3: Mandy McClure, Sarah Gutgsell, Kelsey Smith, Carolyn Bartlett, Abby Ginther, Paige Duncan, Kendra Schaaf, Sarah Wine. Row 4: Abby Bartine, Allison Peyton, Sarah Hunter, Caitlin Graham, Anne Lingwall, Natalie Scarpino, Lydia Clark. Back row: Peter Sloterdyk, Ben Fallon, Collins Eboh, Jason Reynolds, Drew Peckumn, Dash Kelley, Barnes Kelley, Mark VanDyck, Kevin Bramwell. Not pictured: Eddie Wilson, Paul Asjes, Tyler Mitchell.

Sisters for Success
Front row: Shayla Shade, Tayla Simmons, Dominique Jenkins, Channing Cason, Antoinette Hobbs, Vanessa Williams, Alena Nelson, Alisha Johnson, Gabrielle Lane, Chelse Talton. Row 2: Chenee Johnson, Toyia Claytor, Kiah Aikoriegie, Shanelle Harris, Amber Ward, Taylor Jewett, Concepcion Brewer, Tori Sellers, Saqifah Brown, Jaleesa Hardin, Spencer Bradley. Row 3: Keiana Kennedy, Sabrina Morrow, Karissa Bell, Joshua Edwards, Shawnta Ward, Raenesha Luna, Shalisa Gladney, Jamica Greene, Brittany Jewett, Natalie Lawrence, Brittani McMichael, Kahara Hunafa. Row 4: Brittany Johnson, Glenna Palimore, Torquiesha Bolden, Melody Douglas, Dominique Trumbo, Erin Evans, Darnia Blissett, Esprce Stewart, Latice Parrish, Gheri Galbreath, Kavaughna Walker. Row 5: Charlene Mohamad, Megan Gaines, Tiffany Burgess, Darshn Noble, Davida Woods, Ashley Wright, Randee Taylor, Tanisha Jones, Ashley O'Daye. Back row: Jihn Jackson, Ashley Tindrell, Tiffany Caloway, Chiquanna White, Porsha Wilson, Latara Stevenson, Kala Jones-Stokes, Justina Edwards, Tibise Joseph, Miriam Chisala, Hayat Ibrahim, Shelda Andrea, Carlotta Woods.

Thespians
Front row: Ryan Morrison, Marnie Strate, Will Johnson, Maggie Conley, Meghan Klinkenborg, Alyssa Songsiridej, Anne Lingwall, Chelsea Brightman, Jessica Peiffer, Dan Sherman, Jordan Jepson. Row 2: Laura Deavers, John Spinks, Katie Garton, Katie Wright, Amy Burress, Peter Sloterdyk, Amber Wines, Meagan Kay, Travis Wells. Row 3: Amelia Browning, Jessica Nelson, Jenna Woodard, Judy Crane, Anna McDermott, Kate McCormick, Andrew Tatge, Sarah Helt. Back row: Ryan McCormick, Sam Thies, Mikey Williams, Glenn Burmeister, Lori Glawe, Nick Hegre. Not pictured: Annie Glawe, Nick Sanchez, Parker Waddell, Theresa Larew, Liz Cooney, Damien Helfer, Alex Snodgrass, Britin Robinson, Maddie Tomka, Merry Off, Dominque Trumbo, Claire Wood, Katie Rosenblatt, Grant Bridgford, Dawnielle Simmons, Maura Walsh, Ellen Butler, Cynthia Young, Anne Raife, Emily Fitzsimons.

Concert Choir
Front row: Sarah Escovedo, Sarah Cramer, Maeve Jackowski, Matt Hudson, Robbie Salisbury, Rico Lozano, Justina Edwards, Kim Stratton, Mirella Cruz, Kurtis Hall, Sterling Cannaday. Row 2: Elyse Claiborne, Katie Garton, Elizabeth Williams, Alyssa Songsiridej, Corey Wedeking, Andy Krekel, Jordan Pennington, Bridget Fagan, Clayton Craiger. Row 3: Andrea Herrick, Annie Glawe, Theresa Larew, Meghan Klinkenborg, Brittani Mosely, Matt McBroom, Tim Alberts, Erik Gregersen, Britney Johnson, Emily Cumbie-Drake, Grace Connolly, Erin Boresi, Mak Suceska, CJ Osterhoudt. Back row: Emily Varn, Alex May, Ali Kuker, Katie Wright, Nora Altemeier, Ethan Garrigan, Nick Hegre, Mikey Williams, Mackenzie Smith, Liz Cooney, Carlotta Woods, Caroline Miller, Caitlin Suttie, John Pugh, David Bartine, Ramsey Carey.

Treble chorus
Front row: Oanh Nguyen, Aida Sofic, Crystal Arthur, Patty Riley, Lisa Brown, Madeline Tomka, Gabriela Gomez, Keryna Thompson-Banks, Toiane Johnson. Row 2: Azra Atajic, Elizabeth Brown, Paris Wesenberg, Angela Nissen, Barbara Baudino, Dora Novak, Susanne Brumfield, Jessica Riley, Lindsay Utter. Back row: Amy Rickert, Kathryn Kauffman, Gabrielle Kurschinski, Lindsey Thomas, Lisa Fitzpatrick, Margaret Taha, Kiah Aikoriegie, Krista Kirkland.

Chamber choir
Front row: Megan McAfee, Alyssa Mowitz, Laura Deavers, Maggie Conley, Mary Harding, Taralyn Johnson, Mary Haege, Suzanne Wedeking, Clare Bridgford. Row 2: Peter Sloterdyk, Matt McDonald, Ryan Morrison, Alex Bardole, Larry Moore. Row 3: Mikey Williams, Glen Burmeister, Kate McCormick, Josh Wells. Row 4: Lucy Grask, Leah Pope, Jenny Nelson, Ellen Butler. Back row: Michael Brown, Chelsea Brightman, Maggie Stephen, Dan Sherman, Derek Meyers.

Chamber orchestra
Front row: Caitlin Sims, Neil Anderson, Paige Richards. Row 2: Wanakee Carr, Caleb Kebede, Rebecca Marion, Grace Liu, Alyssa Songsiridej, Emily Wieland, Grant Logan, Natashia Kim. Row 3: Claire Wandro, Suzanne Wedeking, Ben Wediking. Back row: David Drustrup, Paul Child, Judy Leinen, Sandra Tatge.

All-State
Front row: Rebecca Marion, Suzanne Wedeking, Jenna Spiering, Emily Wieland, Ellen Butler, Mary Harding, Caitlin Sims. Row 2: Judy Leinen, Chelsea Brightman, Ari Micich, Paige Richards, Daniel Cavanaugh, Cliff Mayo, Bridget Hill. Back row: Larry Moore, Jonathan Hill, Dan Sherman, Neil Anderson, Derek Meyers, Paul Child, Joe Mattson. Not pictured: Peter Sloterdyk, Natasha Kim.

JV show choir
Front row: Peter Sloterdyk. Row 2: Mak Suceska, Kurtis Hall, Britney Johnson, Nikki Parkey, Christine Jansen, Sarah Cramer, Theresa Larew, Jordan Pennington, Andrea Fitzgerald, Justina Edwards, Jordan Jepson, Rico Lozano. Row 3: Carolyn Bartlett, Erin Woolwine, Elyse Claiborne, Meghan Klinkenborg, Emily Varn, Alyssa Songsiridej, Caitlin Sims, Stephanie Fleckenstein. Row 4: Sterling Cannaday, Andy Krekle, Katie Garton, Morgan Haas, Grace Connolly, Emily Cumbie-Drake, Chelsea Brightman, Maeve Jacowski, Abbie Ginther, Maggie Conley, Mackenzie Smith, Robbie Salisbury, Hannah Keeling. Row 5: C.J. Ousterhoudt, Ramsey Carey, Erik Gregerson, Megan McAfee, Ali Kuker, Alex May, Andrea Herrick, Katie Wright, Caitlin Suttie, Liz Cooney, Annie Glawe, Corey Wedeking, Clayton Craiger. Back row: Matt Hudson, Britin Robinson, Matt Adcock, Tim Alberts, John Pugh, Ethan Garrigan, Michael Pendergast, Nick Hegre, Matt McBroom, David Bartine.

Varsity show choir
Front row: Natalie Scarpino, Laura Deavers, Jontell Harris, Anna Hudson. Row 2: Ellen Butler, Liz Silbermann, Anne Lingwall, Mary Harding, Meredith Cooney, Ali Nielsen. Row 3: Lydia Clark, Clare Bridgford, Ashly Moore, Kristen Kennedy, Claire Sabin, Paige Richards, Alex Beatty, Megan Jones, Amber Wines, Alex Bardole, Brian Bell, Thomas Baker. Row 4: Hannah Keeling, Alyssa Mowitz, Matt Schuling, David Mason, Matt McDonnell, Will Johnson, Andrew Tatge, Liza Sharp, Bree Kaser, Kate McCormick, Larry Moore, Travis Wells, Michael Brown, Dontrez Parrish. Row 5: Jason Reynolds, Peter Boscaljon, Peter Sloterdyk, Mikey Williams, Glenn Burmeister, Jodi Birkey, John Spinks, Paul Soencr. Row 6: Kim Montgomery, Jason Parry, Dan Sherman, Kirk Ryan, Jesse Richards. Back row: Megan Bolin, Ryan Morrison, Rachel Gulick, George McCutchen Ben Brown, Ari Micich, Kyle Baas,

Prep choir
Front row: Aubrey Ketcham, Katy Rosenblatt, John Leatherman, Katie Swartwood, Parker Waddell, Anna Mullen, Ashley Auxier-Mailey. Row 2: Sharaine Weathers, Ryan McCormick, Melinda Baszczynski, Andrew Peiffer, Ebonci White, Carneil Singleton, Sophie Hayek. Row 3: Mike Walag, Ryan McMahon, Liz Corson, Gareth Larson, Emily Wieland, Sigourney Wolder, Jacob Sawyer, Joanne Qualm, Hannah Keeling. Row 4: Liz Proctor, Ted Wegner, Kelley Bowermaster, Sam Thies, April Sauls, Nick Sanchez, Anne Raife, Jonas Neiderbach. Back row: Shane Hobbs, Justin Plasket, Hannah Hutchison, Deandre Butler, Jessica White, Jon Schaeffer, Charmaine Bell, Emily Susanin.

Jazz band
Front Row: Paul Child, John Leatherman, Tim Wieland, Chad Allen, Ben Brown, Dan Cavanaugh. Row 2: Ruthie Lucas, Treg Marcellus, Nate Nielson, Thom Mahler, Ben Body, C.J. Osterhoudt. Back row: Kyle Baas, George McCutchen, Ari Micich, Rachel Gulick, Kirk Ryan, Jessie Myers.

Color guard
Front row: Amber Wines, Anna Schossow, Courtney Mtayari, Alex Beatty. Row 2: Rose Mayo, Meagan Kay, Merri Off, Kari Campfield, Jennie Oler, Dani Speicher, Laura Deavers. Back row: Allyson Tate, Jordan Voight-Norberg, Vanessa Janes, Travis Wells, Katie Spitler, Tamera Chandler, Kristen Jacobsen.

Concert band
English Horn: Eric Dingus. *Piccolo*: Bridget Hill, Hilary Woodhouse. *Flute*: Emily Balch, Kiersten Cooley, Lynsie Crawford, Laura Deavers, Patty Flannery, Helen Fruede, Beth Harell, Bridget Hill, Vanessa Janes, Ashley Mailey, Amanda Marek, Rose Mayo, Joanna Qualm, Jordan Voight-Norberg, Chasity Wilson, Hilary Woodhouse. *Eb Clarinet*: Cliff Mayo. *Clarinet*: Peter Bosealjon, Emily Burney, Liz Cooney, Emily Fitzsimons, Hanna Henson, Sarah Hill, Drew Kinser, Marty McDanel, Bonnie Merkely, Cliff Mayo, Caroline Miller, Stephanie Walz. *Bass Clarinet*: Tamera Chandler, Loida Marroquin, Nicole Wichtendahl. *Bassoon*: Megan Lindell, Katie Spitler, Sharaine Weathers. *Saxophone*: Alex Brown, Dan Cavanaugh, Dash Kelley, Josh Spain, Chad Allen, Nate Brown, Quinnetta Claytor, Sarah Gutgsell, Nick Jacoby, John Leatherman, Jessica Nelson, Jeff Simth, Tim Wieland, Ben Brown, Robert Fleming, John Skinner, Patrick Younk. *Trumpet*: Collin Albaugh, Amelia Browning, Marcus Ford, Rhiannon Helfer, Grant Hewins, Rachael Gulick, Andrew Karrmann, Ari Micich, Jessie Myers, Mayra Quintanilla, Kirk Ryan, Will Ryan, Jon Schaeffer, Kameron Tindrell, Peter Updegraff, Sam Wells, Kelsey Wheeler, Martin Whitman. *Horn*: Annie Myers, Colleen Pokorny, George Raife, Jacob Sawyer, Danielle Speicher, Samantha Spitler, Emily Varn. *Trombone*: Ben Body, Dan Hewins, Evan Howe, Stephen Lauer, Thom Mahler, Justin Plasket, Andrew Thompson, Dominque Trumbo. Euphonium: Alexandra Chafa, D.J. Johnson, C.J. Osterhoudt. Tuba: Jon Hill, Clair McClintock, Nate Nielson. *String Bass*: Ruthie Lucas. Percussion: Adam Ayala, Nico Barnhill, Sterling Cannaday, Josh Dusek, Mark Koneeny-Green, Barnes Kelley, Alex Lee, George McCutchen, Jennie Oler, Nick Sanchez, Michael Scapeechi, Greta Sullivan, Travis Wells, Amber Wines.

String orchestra
Violin: Suzanne Wedeking, Judy Leinen, Paul Child, Jason Reynolds, Meagan Whetstone, Caleb Kebede, Rob West, Grace Liu, Rebecca Marion, Maggie Steffan, Lucy Grask, Ben Wedeking, Jamie Nelson, Andrea Herrick, Jenna Woodard, John Thelen, Claire Wandro, Indira Blazivic, Sam Lepley, Liza Sharp, Erin Anderson, Wanakee Carr, Nick Walker, Jordan Trachtenberg, Caitlin Hillyard, Rafaela Pfister, Kirsten Jacobsen, Leah Pope, Martin Whitman, Emili Johnson, Stephanie Darus, Andrea Kanlagna, Magon Gaines, Lyndsey Turner, Sierra Williams, Rosalind Sixby, Hanna Hanson, Kahara Hunafa. *Viola*: Jenna Spiering, David Drustrup, Alyssa Songsiridej, Grant Logan, Natalie Krekel, Emily Wieland, Kate Fuller, Joyce Payer, Sophie Hayek, Cory Poff, Hanna Hutchison, Brendan Wells. *Cello*: Paige Richards, Neil Anderson, Katie McGuire, Caitlin Sims, David Hanson, Emily Hephner, Nathan Gere, Tom Harmon, Alexandra Lifka-Reselman, Caitlin Wells, Molly Dougherty, Claire Anderson, Adam Puls. *Bass*: Joe Mattson, Alexandra Black, Dominie Lee, Christopher Bonnet, Chris Mussett.

Teresa Abreu

Teresa,
In a time lacking in truth and certainty and filled with anguish and despair, don't be afraid to give back to the world, through your work, a portion of its lost heart. Today, explore ways to see your world differently. Let your eyes drink in the beauty that surrounds you.
Love Mom & Andy

Josh Adcock

Josh,
You've always approached life with a smile and an open heart. You give of yourself and in our eyes, you are already a success!!
Love,
Mom & Dad
Matt

Chad Allen

Chad,
You won't need those eyes to get you by anymore- you've got a diploma!

I'm proud to
be you parent!
Mom

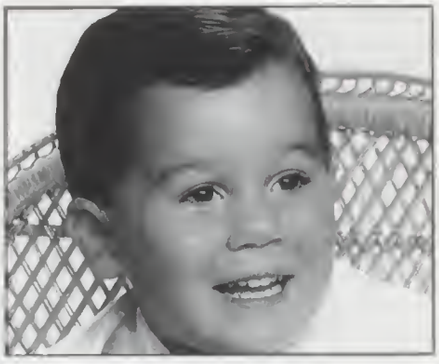
Josh Anderson

Joshy,
Remember as you drive down the road of life, keep your eye on your goal ahead. We are so proud of you, and will always be here for you.
We love you,
Dad, Pat, and Tigger
Oh yes, always remember to call Grandma

Paul Asjes

Mom and I pray that you get a few breaks in life as you go off to college.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Kyle Baas

Haircut: $5.00
Easter suit: $40.00
College tuition: $100,000??
Senior year: Priceless!

Congratulations Kyle.
with love
from
your family

Alex Bardole

We are so proud of you-

Mom, Dad, Sydney

Erin Barnes

Congratulations Erin-
We believe in you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Abby Bartine

Gail,
You will always remain our favorite daughter. Upward and onward to college and the world!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Nick, Michael and David

Dana Lange Bartlomei

Owly Owie takes the mound. You stand alone. You are the denouement. Love, Dad
Crawl, then walk. You've always embraced the challenge. Your determintation and compassion will take you far. Love, Mom
You are the total package. I would never bet against you. Smart money never will.
I believe, Rich

Drew Berk

Education is like a mountain. The climb may be arduous but the view from the top is worth the labor. You're a mountain climber, keep climbing.

Love and congratulations,
Grandma and Grandpa Bishop

Drew Berk

I look back over the last seventeen years and think how lucky I am to have had the pleasure of 'growing up' with you. From your first step, warly morning hockey, broken hearts, wrecked cars, to the late night call from the police. Thanks for the adventure! Love you,
Mom

Jodi Birkey

Jodi,
You keep the ride interesting! Keep your smile and the light of God's love as you ride on.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Megan Bolin

Meg,
Your integrity, concern for others and sense of humor will take you far. We could not be more proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Oliver Borzo

Oliver,
Congratulations! We are so proud of the person you have become. Our Golden Boy, who first flew in his Superman cape and now takes wing to new adventures. May you continue to be engaged in your journey and find the marvel of it all.
Love, Mom and Dad

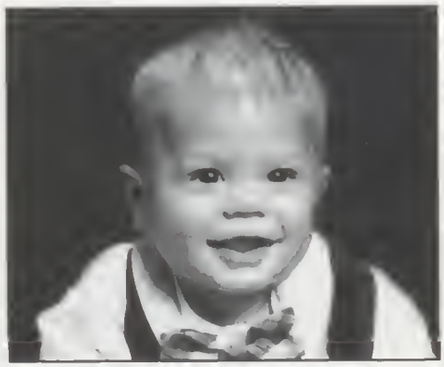
Kevin Bramwell

Your award-winning smile, good heart and constant comedic relief have brought us much joy over these 18 years! You have the ability to become whatever you want to be.

With great pride and love,
Mom, Dad & Robert

Glenn Burmeister

Glenn,
You are a very creative and talented young man. You found your voice and made it your own. Continue to follow your dreams. Go out and make your mark on the world! We are proud of you and we love you very much.
Mom, Dad, Anne & Sam



Joel Burnham

Joel,
Congratulations on a great finish.
Love, Mom and Dad

You made it! Always remember 'who wah'
Jessica

Christy Carey

Kiki-
You are our sunshine, our baby girl. We love, love you, love you!!!

Mom, Dad and Ramz

p.s- where's the phone?

Bryce Carithers

May you continue to make a difference in the lives of those around you.

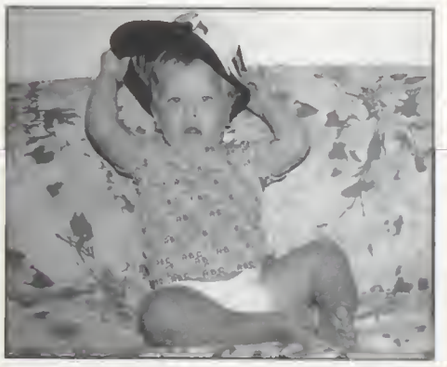
Love, Dad and Ali

Wanakee Carr

Wanakee-
As you climb the stairway to success, remember what we've always told you- one step at a time and you'll got to the top!
Love always,
Mom and Dad

Megan Coppola

Megan,
Continue to make your life as successful as you've made it so far. Be happy in all you do. And may life shine on you, as you have on us!
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Jenna



Nathan Cox

You were born with many gifts. Go into the world and learn what your gifts are and use them for good. Live, Love, Laugh, and Learn. Be yourself and all will be well. We're so glad you were born to our family.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Amanda, Makayla & Elijah

Ben Dahlberg

Go for it Ben! You're looking good!

With Love,
Dad, Mom and Sis

Laura Deavers

Congratulations! We're so very proud of you. We look forward to hearing about your future adventures.

Love always,
Mom and Dad

Mitch DeCarlo

The biggest fish, the wildest snowboarder, or full throttle motocross racer. You've always pushed the limit and excelled with a heart of gold!
Keep it up!
We love you!

Mom, Angie and Georgia

Maggie Dolan

With your special gifts of independence, organization, communication, and an eye for beauty, you will be driving on the top of the world!
I am proud of YOU! Mama D
You have always been on the go- Good Luck! Libby
You are ready to take on the world! Nate

Ben Fallon

"Pull my tail, will you? Watch me decorate you face with my claws."
Ben,
Congratulations! You are the cat's meow, and we're proud of all you've accomplished.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Fionna

Rachel Farr

"It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out of your door... You may step into the Road, and if you don't keep your feet, there is no knowing where you might be swept off to." Tolkien

Love,
Your family

Mac Fisher

Dear Mac,
"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."
Antoine de Saint-Exupery,
The Little Prince
Love,
Mom, Dad, Austin, and Marshall

Danny Flattery

Even though you will always be "my Babe", you have grown into a thoughtful, intelligent, and independent young man. You have successfully overcome the challenges in your life through focus, hard work, and determination- all of which will serve you well in the years ahead.You make me proud!
Love, Mom

Solange Franklin

A.K.A "Nike Goddess"
You have always been our hero.

Mom, Dad, Cass III and Samira

Anna Gadjel

We love you very much. We are very proud of the young woman you are becoming. Enjoy the adventure.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Nathaniel S. Garcia

Nathan, you did it!... You graduated in 3 instead of 4 years. We are so proud of you. You can do anything you set your mind to. Always remember how much you are loved.
Mom, Dad, Angela, BJ, Averi, Cole, Joe, Jen, Emma, J.T., Megan, and Sarah.

Adam Grady

Congratulations and remember when you're smiling, the whole world smiles with you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Jalayne, and Shane

Caitlin Graham

Caitlin,
From home to Oz and back again, you've always seen things your own way. Don't ever change. We Love You.

Mom, Dad, Wes, Maggie, and your little dog, too

Rachel Gulick

Congratulations on your successful high school achievements. Use your God-given talents to bless God and others. Happiness and contentment will follow.
All our love,
Mom and Rod

David Hanson

Our pride in your past does not begin to cover our emotions. Our faith in your future is without bounds. Your hard work, determination, and sense of humor demonstrate your will to succeed. We look forward to accompanying you on your journey to that success.
Love,
Dad, Mom, and Elizabeth

Emily Hephner

Emily,
"We know what we are, but not what we may be."(Shakespeare)
Listen to your heart. Develop your talent and follow your dream. You will reach higher and climb farther then you ever thought possible.

Love, Mom and Dad

Grant Hewins

Grant,
Be careful, have fun.

With love, Mom and Dad

Sarah Hill

Sarah, Congratulations!
We are so proud of you!
Much love,
Mom, Todd, and Bridget

Billy Holtze

Make the next one a home run... You've got what it takes!!!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Joe Honsey

Aim high and do your best

We love you
Dad, Mom, Ben and Hannah

Alex Hubbell

Alex,
You were born with that fire in your eyes and a zest for life. You are truly a gift to us and to the world. Remember- 'Today I will be...' ...anything you decide to be, Zan Man! We love you!!!

Mom, Dad & Cooper

Kahara Iman Hunafa

Congratulations! You have crossed another milestone in your life, with many more to come. Be sure to remain ***focused.*** Commitment, hard work, knowing yourself, developing spiritually and intellectually will help achieve your goals. Keep those goals high! Be a life-long learner. Much Love, Your family

Sarah Hunter

Sarah,
Congratulations! We are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Emily

Chika Igbokwe

Chika,
It has been a joy watching you grow. As you graduate from high school, your Mom and I want you to know that you are very special and have made us proud. The sky is your limit. Do not lose sight of your dream and goal in life as you pursue a college career. We love you.
Dad and Mom

Emili Johnson

Emi,
We are so proud of you. We have watched you grow from an adorable little girl, to a beautiful young lady. We wish you the best and will always be there for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Olivia

Jessie Johnson

Jess,
You make my heart smile.

Congratulations.

I love you.
Mom

Taralyn Johnson

Congratulations! I hope you continue to find pleasure in everything- big and small. Work hard and set goals and you'll see those dreams come true.

Love, Mom

Jordan Jones

Jordan,
We are proud of you. Carpe Diem!

Love, Mom, Dad and Mallory

Megan Jones

Meg,
You make us proud and bring us joy. We thank you.

Love, Mom, Dad and Anna

Breeana Kaser

Congratulations, Bree! Your radiant smile inspires and warms our hearts. May your spirit of adventure and caring keep you swinging and holding to your ideals. We are proud of you. Love and trust always!

Mom, Dad, and Melissa

Elizabeth Kelley

Libby,
You have been our shining star ever since you came into our lives. Congratulations! We are all so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad and Andy

Dash and Barnes Kelley

Dash and Barnes,
You're all ready to set sail for adventures unknown.
Love, Mom, Dad and Onnalee

Jared Kent

Congratulations! We couldn't be more proud.

Love, Mom and Dad

Spencer Krohn

Congratulations, Spencer!
It has been a long and winding road but your creativity, imagination and humor have carried you through and they always will. I am very proud of you.
Love you always, Mom
P.S. Don't forget to check your oil.

Courtney Lau

Courtney,
Congratulations. You have always brought a smile to our home, now it is time for you to share your smile with the world.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ryan and Kaitlin

Christina Leaf

Beauty,
Your mother and I are very proud of everything you have accomplished. All of your hard work has paid off. Keep that wonderful smile. The world is yours.
Love, Dad and Mom

Trevaris Lewis

Trevaris,
If anyone should ever write my life story, for whatever reason there might be, you'd be there between each line of pain and glory, cuz you're the best thing that ever happened to me.
Duce,
Mom

Anne Lingwall

Dear Anne
You are 'our' Leading Lady and Olympic swimmer. Drive carefully, be safe, have fun.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Mike

Moriah Lueders

Moriah,
You've got the same great smile Moriah, I just miss the bangs.

Love,
Dad

Katherine Lundberg

Congratulations to mom's helper. Stay creative and imaginative on all your endeavors.

Love,
Mom, Bob and Sarah

Alex Mackey

At least with these wheels you couldn't leave the yard or get pulled over.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Emily Marchino

Beautiful then...Beautiful Now.
Not only are you beautiful outwardly but inwardly as well. You are our sunshine! May God richly bless your life.

Love,
Mom, Dad and all

Cliff Mayo

Cliff, the future's so bright you've gotta wear shades! Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Rose and Ariana

Stephanie McConeghey

Stephanie,
You've never been afraid of new heights. I was proud of you then and I'm really proud of you now. You go, girl!

Love,
Mom

Kate McCormick

You are Great!
We love you dearly.
Now, put the book down and go to sleep, early!

Love Mom and Dad

DeAnna McGarity

Dear DeAnna,
We can't believe what a treasure God has blessed us with. We are so Very Proud of you. We know that whatever you do in life it will be great. We will always love you. We will support you through all of your endeavors.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Alexander

Kyle McManus

Dear Kyle,
We are impressed by your determination and integrity. Combine this with your unique style and charm and there is one talented guy!
Congratulations on graduation-the best is yet to come.
We love you,
Dad, Mom and John

Bonnie Merkley

Bonnie,
We are very proud of you for all of your accomplishments in high school. Keep up the good work and your future will be bright. We love you very much.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Ari Micich

Ari-
We love you!

Mom and Dad

Andrew Mickunas

Andy,
You were a beautiful child. You have become a confident, self-assured young man. Believe in yourself, and you will go far. We love you!

Dad, Mom, Alecs, Erik, Reid and Maura

Tyler Mitchell

Tyler,
Go for it!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Austin and Kelsey

Kimberly Montgomery

Dear Kimmie,
Stand up and take a bow for a job well done! You even survived living alone with 'the parents'.
Lots of love,
Mom and Dad,
Matt and Julie

Jordi Mumma Colman

Jordi,
"Some see things as they are and say why? I dream of things that never were and say, why not?" (George Bernard Shaw).
We will be waiting for your novel.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Emma and Charlie

Jamie Nelson

Jamie,
Thank you! You have made us so very proud. Your dedication and commitment will take you wherever you want to go. Enjoy your journey and don't forget to dance.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Jessica

Ali Neilsen

Ali,
You're always leading the way.

Congratulations and Love,
Mom and Dad

Jake Norman

Our Jakey,
Always smiling. Always eating. Study hard. Have fun. Work on your table manners.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Zac Oler

Congratulations, Zac!

Your friend,
Albert

Austin Olson

Austin,
We are so proud of the young man you have become. You have a bright future with your sense of humor, intelligence, and compassion. May all of your hopes and dreams come true!
We love you Austin,
Mom, Dad, Amber, Ashley, and Lola

Drew Peckumn

Drew,
Never forget to find laughter in the simple joys in life. You are an amazing individual who impacts all you touch in a positive way. This is your beginning and you'll certainly go far. It will be such a pleasure to be a part of your boundless journey. Congratulations!
All my love always, Mom

Jessica Peiffer

What a joy it has been to share your journey.

Sure do love you,
Mom and Dad

Allison Morgan Peyton

Allisunshine,
We are so proud of you. What an exciting journey you have ahead of you. Enjoy it and never stop learning.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Chris

Rafaela Pfister

What a sweetheart then and now! Keep good company. Trust your creativity. Believe in yourself. You are a very special person; your capabilities, immense. Oh, how we cherish your beautiful spirit and heart and what you have given us.
All our love,
Your family

Spencer Pierce

Always putting the right foot (shoe) forward.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Meredith Pocius

Mer Bear,
We're so proud of you! Always do your best and keep reaching for the stars.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and KT

Griffin Robert Pocock

Baby Gee Goo-
We blinked and now you are grown. Per our discussions- please leave this tiny green planet slightly better than you found it. Via con dios our son.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Maya, and Tess (Ollie too!)

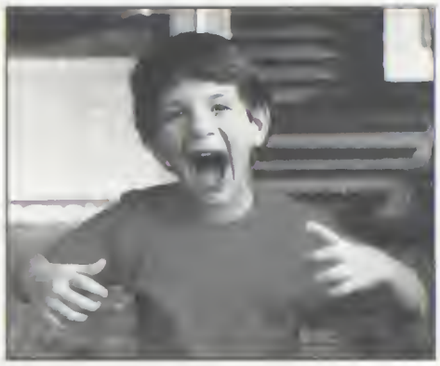
Rachel Prueitt

May your good fairy grant all your wishes for the future. We are proud of you!
Love,
Mom and Rebecca

Lindsey Purdy

From Scooterbug to Beaky and everything in between, you've given us wonderful memories. Chase your dreams, Lindsey, and save the Lincoln Bedroom for us!

Love You,
Mom, Dad, and Paige



George Raife

Tell us how you really feel, George! Go get 'em!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Jason Reynolds

"Son Shine"
What fun it has been having you as our son. We are so proud of all your accomplishments but most of all for being the wonderfu,l loving, caring person you are. Reach for it all.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Paige Richards

Paigey-Pooh,
What a delightful young woman you have become! Your creativity and talent will take you far into the future. We are very proud of you.

Love you always,
Mom, Dad, Nick, Michael, and Hawkeye

Bill Rickert

Billy,
Congratulations! To our curious, tear it apart to see how it works, kid. The world is yours to discover.

We love and support you,
Mom, Jim, Amy, Bailey, and Kahlua

Daniel Rohrs

Eighteen years ago you were our "Rookie of the Year." We're proud of all you've accomplished and the young man you've become. Stay positive and focused on your goals. Life is a great game. Step up to the plate, take a big swing, and enjoy every inning.
Much Love,
Mom and Dad

Jake Rosenberg

Jake,
You are a great, caring, loving son and brother. We wish you health, happiness, and success in all that you do.
Congratulations.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Neil

Paul Ruhe

Our son Paul,
We are immensely proud of the person you are. Always take time to smell life's flowers.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Paul Ruhe

Bro,
I'm proud of you!

Your "big brudder,"
Jonathan

Kirk Ryan Jamie Nelson

"Tut, tut, looks like rain."
Through the sunshine, through the rain,
Through the laughter, through the tears,
You've grown a friendship.
Now, as your future opens in front of you,
We wish you joy, we wish you success,
And a friendship that continues to grow.
We are proud of and love you both,
Rick and Lori, Kent and Halli, Jessie and Will

Claire Sabin

Congratulations Claribel! As you charge through life, don't forget to kick back and soak up some rays at least once in a while.

Love you,
Mom and Meg

Natalie Scarpino

You have always been worth the wait! We love you dearly.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Haley
(Remember to set your alarm.)

W.D. Scherle

Congratulations W.D.! Great job, we are very proud of you! Continue to use your energy and enthusiasm to reach your potential. Thanks for all the great memories!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Megan and Mary Delaney

Stephen Schmitt

Cowabunga Dude!
Contratulations on your graduation.

Matthew Schuling

Matt,
Congratulations on your graduation! We are proud of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Joe Scieszinski

Joe,
You were born to be a Roughrider. Congratulations, we are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Peter Sloterdyk

We've enjoyed the first verse... we can't wait to hear the rest of your song!

Love you,
Dad, Mom, Kate, and Annie

Austin Smith

All dressed up and everywhere to go. Congrats on getting it done!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Bryan, and Nicolette

Derek Snyder

Derek,
Having you as our son has enriched our lives. Always be yourself and remember, "All you need is love."

Love,
Mom and Dad

Jenna Spiering

Jenna,
We are very proud of all your accomplishments-as you should be too. We love you. Congratulations!

Dad, Mom and Jamie

Katie Mary Spitler

Her name is Katie.
She has a belly button.
She knows her ABC's.
Her favorite color is
The sky... when it is blue.

And we will love her forever.

Mom, Dad, Laura, and Sam

Courtney St. Pierre

You have given us joy, laughter, love, and pride. Your gifts will take you where you want to go. May all your dreams come true!

Love,
Mom, Alfie, and Danielle

Jacqueline Espree Stewart

Keep Christ as the head of your life. You are our special gift from God. Continue to let your spirit soar and your light shine. If we as a family have nothing else to give, there will always be love- yesterday, today, and forever.
Prayerfully,
Dad Clarke, Mom Pam, Brother Langston

Becca Stubbs

Becca B-
"The glory and freshness of a dream..." We're proud of you and love you.

With love,
Mom and Dad

Sarah Varn

Sarah,
Your joy, your drive, and your zest for life all contribute to a wonderful you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Em, and Jake

Michael Walker

Michael-
From the time you were six weeks old and given the name 'Smiley' by Great G'pa, you have approached life with wonder, a big smile, and open eyes! As you begin your next big adventure, have fun, learn lots, make a difference and know you are loved
Dad, Mom, John & Kate

Matt Waller

Matt,
Twelve years ago, your preschool teachers told us "It's time for Matt to take his show on the road!!" Now that time has come again. Go got 'em Matt!!

We love you,
Mom, Dad and Mark

Thom Waters

Thom,
Watching you grow up had given us a great sense of pride and joy. You always make your Mama proud. Keep smiling!
Mom & Dad, Jon, Drew, & Joel

Suzanne Wedeking

Suzanne,
Remember, the best is yet to be. We love you very much and are so proud of you.

Mom, Dad & Ben

Katie Weitenhagen

World,
We bequeath to you one little girl...Fair of skin with reddish hair, Be kind to her, And treat her fair...

We love you for all you are and will become,
Mom, Dad, and Jessie

Caitlin Wells

Congratulations, Beautiful Girl!

With love,
Mom, Dad, Brendan, Conor and Rosie

Lauren Wendehl

Lauren,

We are so proud of our baby girl all grown up. We wish you happiness and success, you deserve it.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Zach, and Alex

Samantha Wickard

"Girls in white dresses with blue satin sashes, Snowflakes that stay on my nose and eyelashes, ...Wild geese that fly with the moon on their wings, These are a few of my favorite things."
-Oscar Hammerstein II
Fond memories will always be with you, whispering, "I love you."
Love, Mom, Dad, and Joe

Michael Williams

Our son-shine!
Mikey wood- SUPER STAR!

We love you!

Mom, Dad, sisters, and Jerry

Rickelle Williams

Congratulations to our little devil or angel. You did it! Always follow your heart and your dreams will come true. Keep smiling and Be Happy!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Nathan, Jay, and Rachelle

Austin Williamson

There once was a young man named Austin
Who could run from here to Boston.
Had a heart of gold,
Twinkling eyes so bold,
And a smile there was no exhaustin'.
With congratulations and much love!
Mom, Dad, Brittany, and Kelsey

Eddie Wilson

Fast Eddie,
Wherever life takes you, hold on to your values, beliefs and dreams. And never forget your way back home. Have a great adventure...
We love you,

Dad, Mom, Bobby, Chris, Kate, Kit and Mavrick

Julia Wilson

Julia,
Continue to hold tightly to what matters most in life: faith, hope and love. May God hold you forever in the palm of His hand.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Jessica

Amber Wines

Our "I'm totally rad" girl is
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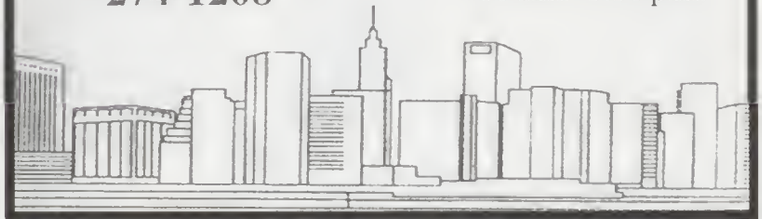

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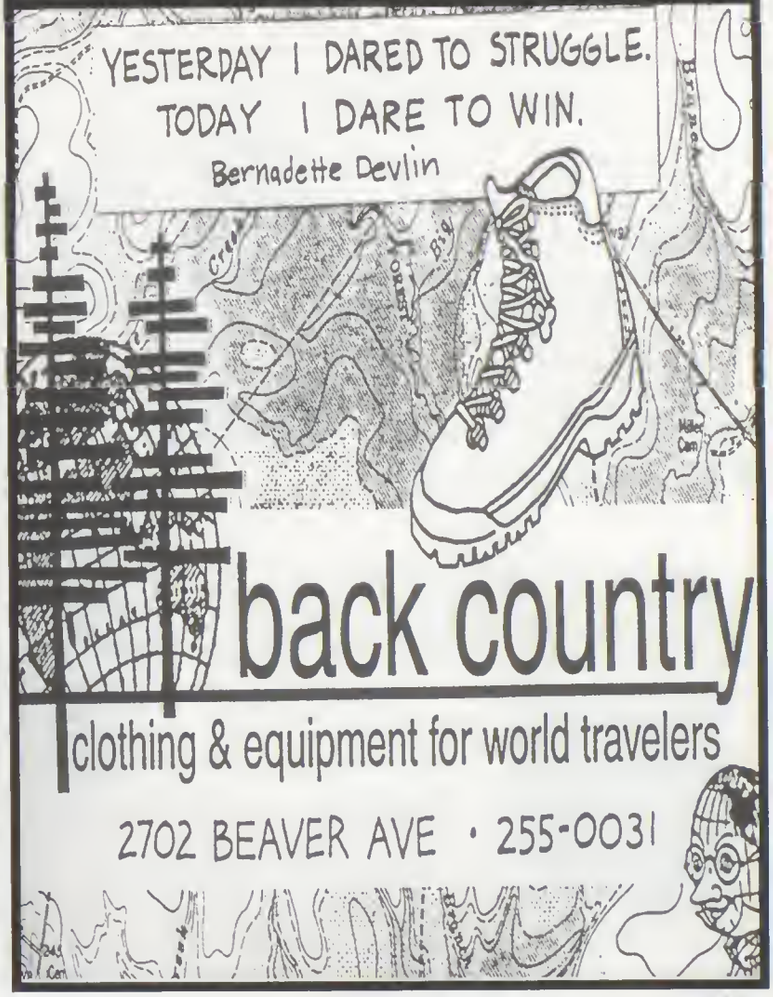

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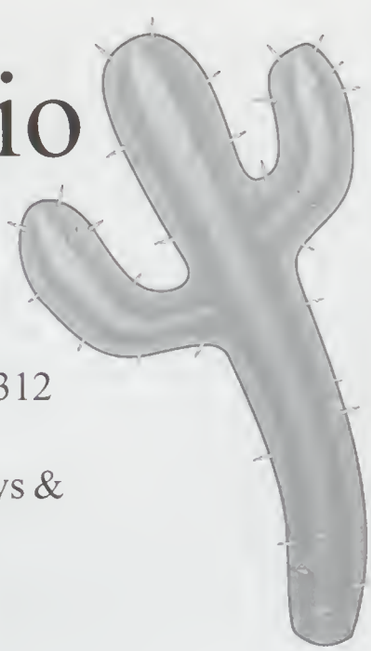

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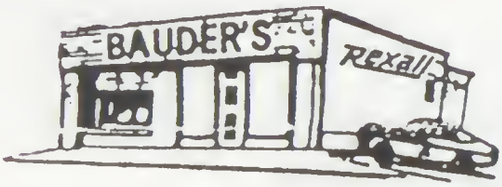

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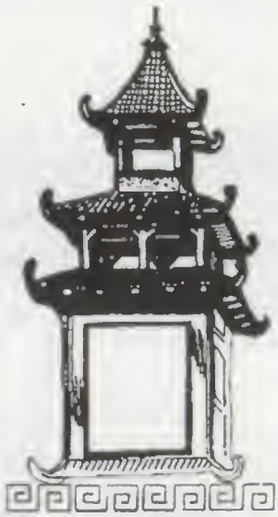

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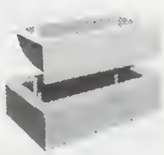

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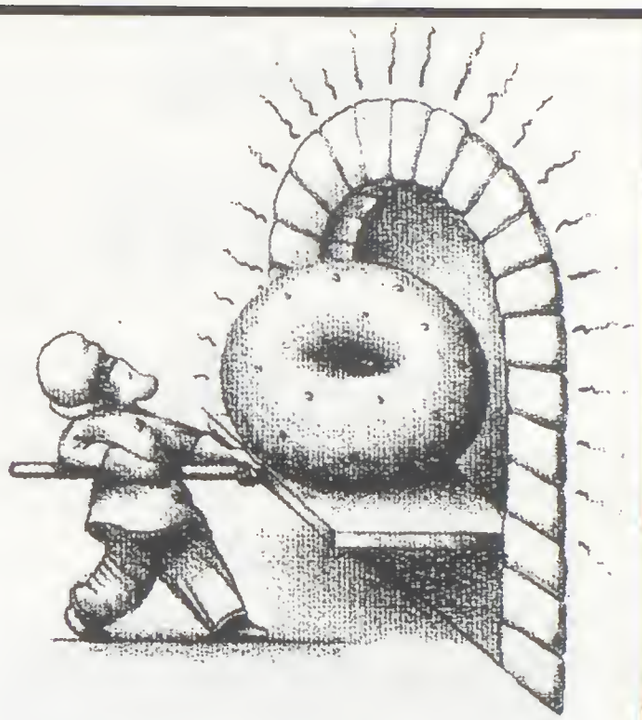

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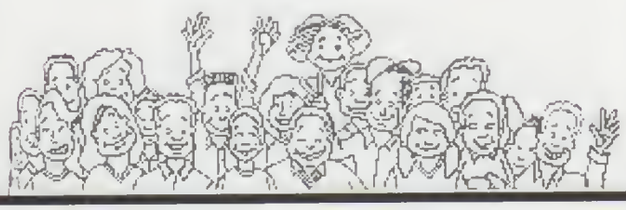

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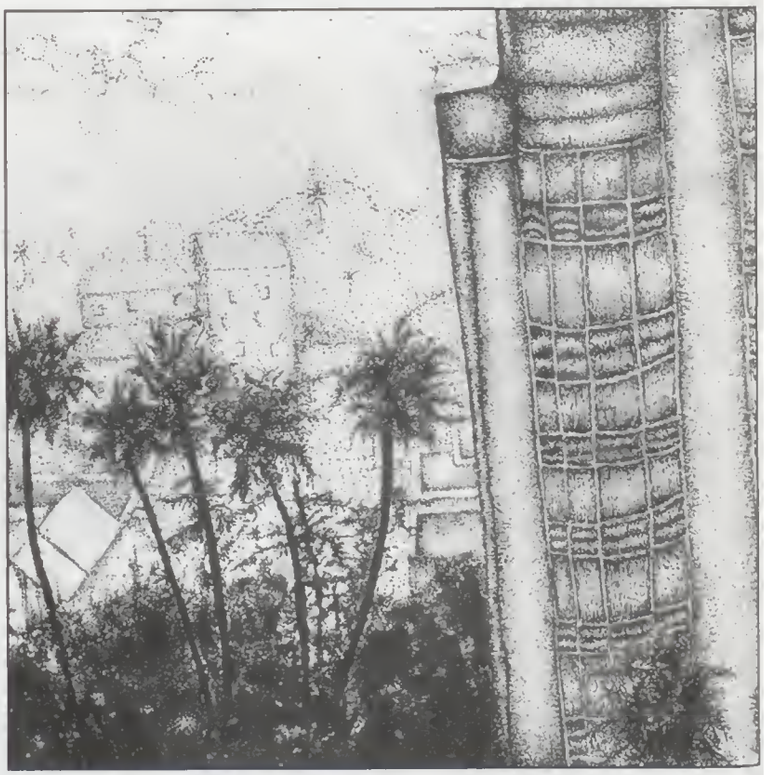

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Lunchtime fun. Freshmen **Tiffany Anderson**, **Rebecca Marion**, **Cassie Woolheater**, and **Saqifah Brown** enjoy a leisurely lunch. On nice days they would play frisbee and often hit people or break the frisbees.

photo by Maya Pocock

Brace yourself. Boys track members take a break during practice. They tried to keep warm after running sprints.

photo by Alex Broadus

Safety first. Senior **Spencer Krohn** handles the meat used at a teacher cookout. Tech ed teacher **Rich Bright** and his students donated and grilled food to celebrate Bright winning the Mastercam National Teacher of the Year award in early May.

photo by Wanakee Carr

Dedication. Freshman **Andy Davis** studies for his Spanish class in the boys swim locker room before school. "There's just that time in between practice and school when its just most convenient to study," Davis said.

photo by Louis Richter

Show your spirit. Junior **Sam Beebout**, seniors **Dash Kelley**, **Anna Hudson**, juniors **Neil Anderson**, **Mallory Jones**, **Hillary Courtney**, **Paige Purdy**, **Natalie Krekel**, and senior **Mike Walker** cheer on the boys basketball team at a home game.

photo by Josh Adcock

All work and no play, makes for a boring class. Freshmen **Andrew Peiffer**, **Kelsey Gilliland**, **Noelle Jobusch**, **Kelley Bowermaster**, **John Kennedy**, and sophomore **Corey Wedeking** work in their workbooks in **Lindsay Johnson's** Spanish 1 class. "Its not that hard of a class. I like when we play bingo a lot because we can get free extra credit points for test or quizzes when we win," Wedeking said.

photo by Matt McBroom

Hold it. Freshmen **Michael Hogan** stretches during athletic weights class. The class was frequently held in the small gym and it was basically just football P.E.

photo by Alex Broadus

Shake it. Sophomores **Latice Parrish** and **Assia Moussaddak** do a secret handshake as the meet up after school. "We made the handshake as a secret message that we were best friends," Parrish said.

photo by Andie Naylor

Don't drop me. Sophomore **Dillion Baker** gives fellow sophomore **Sara Eimers** a boost. The two were climbing on an egg statue late one night outside the Chocolate Storybook.

photo by Josey Strathe

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After breezing through first semester, we embraced the possibilities of change that began with the final semester.

In February, teachers and students rallied against the threat of budget cuts at the State Capitol. Unfortunately due to those cuts staff members were notified of about eight job reductions.

Luckily we didn't blow up. On Wednesday February 25th school was evacuated due to the discovery of hazardous chemicals in a chemistry storage closet. School was closed the following day and the HAZMAT team was brought in to remove the chemicals, which were later destroyed in the library parking lot.

On March 10th the girls basketball team went to state for the second time in school history. They had an unexpectedly close defeat 52-55 to No. 2 ranked Lincoln.

The week before spring break we received 15 inches of snow in one night. Since school wasn't cancelled, students reluctantly braved the harsh weather conditions to arrive at

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school the following day.

By the end of March, economics teacher **Jeff Westendorf** was informed that he was cancer free, just six months after receiving treatment for thyroid cancer.

Senior Thespians missed a day of school on April 1st in order to rush for 'Rent.' A few students arrived at 10 p.m. the day before and stayed all night and through the next day until the show started at 7:30 p.m.

Physics teacher **Mike Blair** participated in the Fullbright Teacher Exchange and went to Guanajuato in Central America for six weeks, leaving his classes with a sub.

May welcomed a flourish of teacher recognition. Tech-ed teacher **Rich Bright** won the Mastercam National Teacher of the Year award and drama teacher **Lori Glawe** won the Walmart Teacher of the Year award. English teacher **Arenda Maxwell** bid farewell along with the senior class, retiring after 35 years of teaching.

After A.P. tests, the severe weather ridden graduation, and finals, the parking lots emptied. The transition from school to summer was almost immediate as we went off to pursue employment, sports practices, and fun.

Sarah Hunter

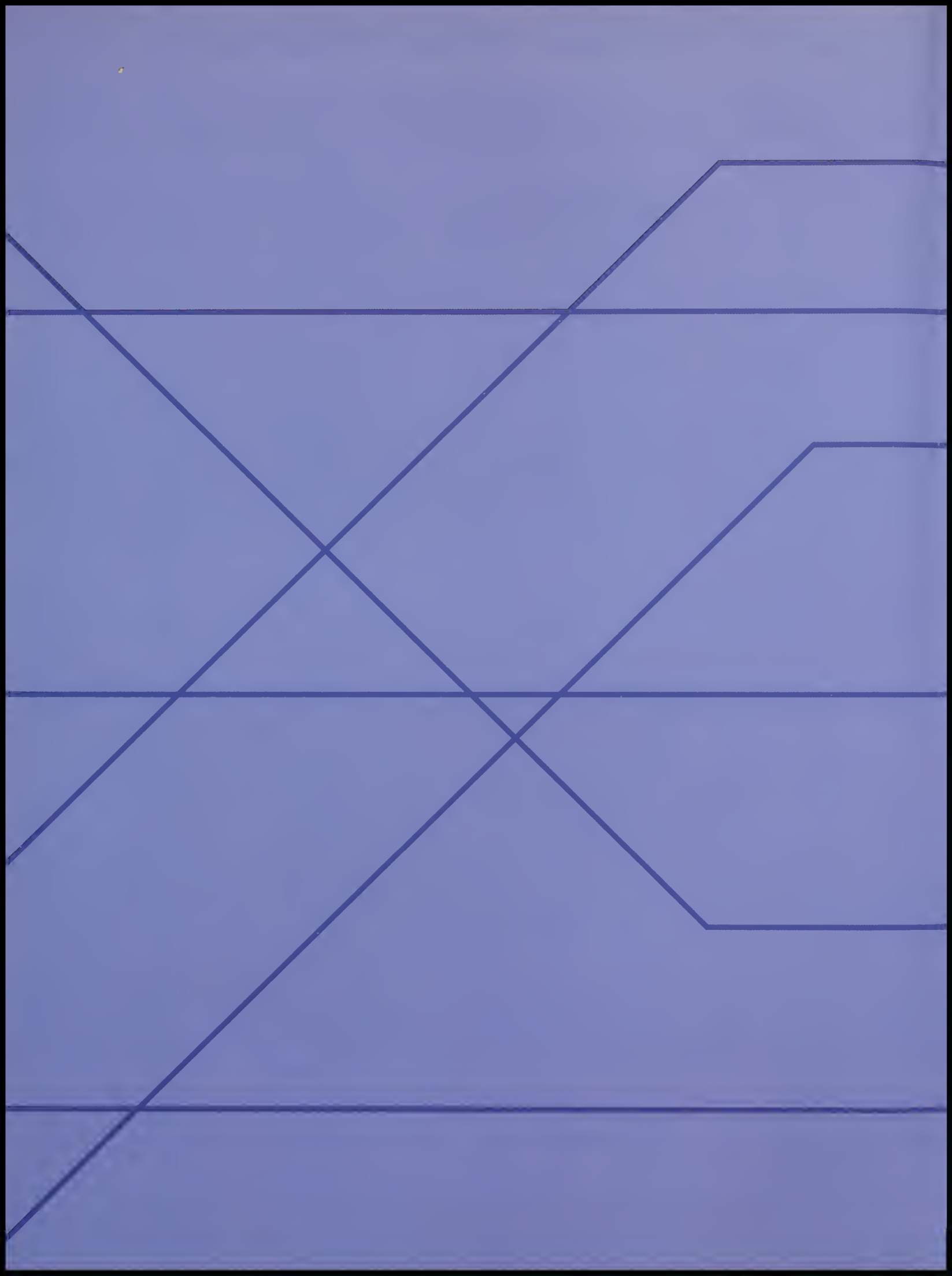
Memories. Seniors **Glenn Burmeister, Dawnielle Simmons,** and **Kate McCormick** look at elementary school pictures at the Greenwood senior reunion. The three were shocked by how much some of their fellow seniors had changed or stayed the same.
photo by Sarah Hunter

Shake it. On rehersal day senior **Anne Lingwall** and junior **John Spinks** beam while performing to 'Poultry Tale' on the set of *Honk*. "I liked 'Poultry Tale" because we got to act like animals and it was fun to get to make weird animal noises," Spinks said.
photo by Katie Wright

Finally. Sophomores **Keeley Frahm-Lowe, Mollie McMahon,** and **Alexis Baker** finally arrive back at school. The girls had some trouble with their cars. "We have had great luck with our cars during lunch. We've locked our keys inside them and had them break down on us," Frahm-Lowe said.
photo by Maya Pocock

Dig in. Freshman **Staryce Botts** gobbles down nachos. He prefered them over most food in the cafeteria. He ate them almost everyday and was never picky about food.
photo by Kirby Weber

Clean sweep. Sophomore **Jessie Myers** gets down and dirty sweeping the floor at Java Joes. She often went there because there were sometimes good bands.
photo by Annie Myers



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